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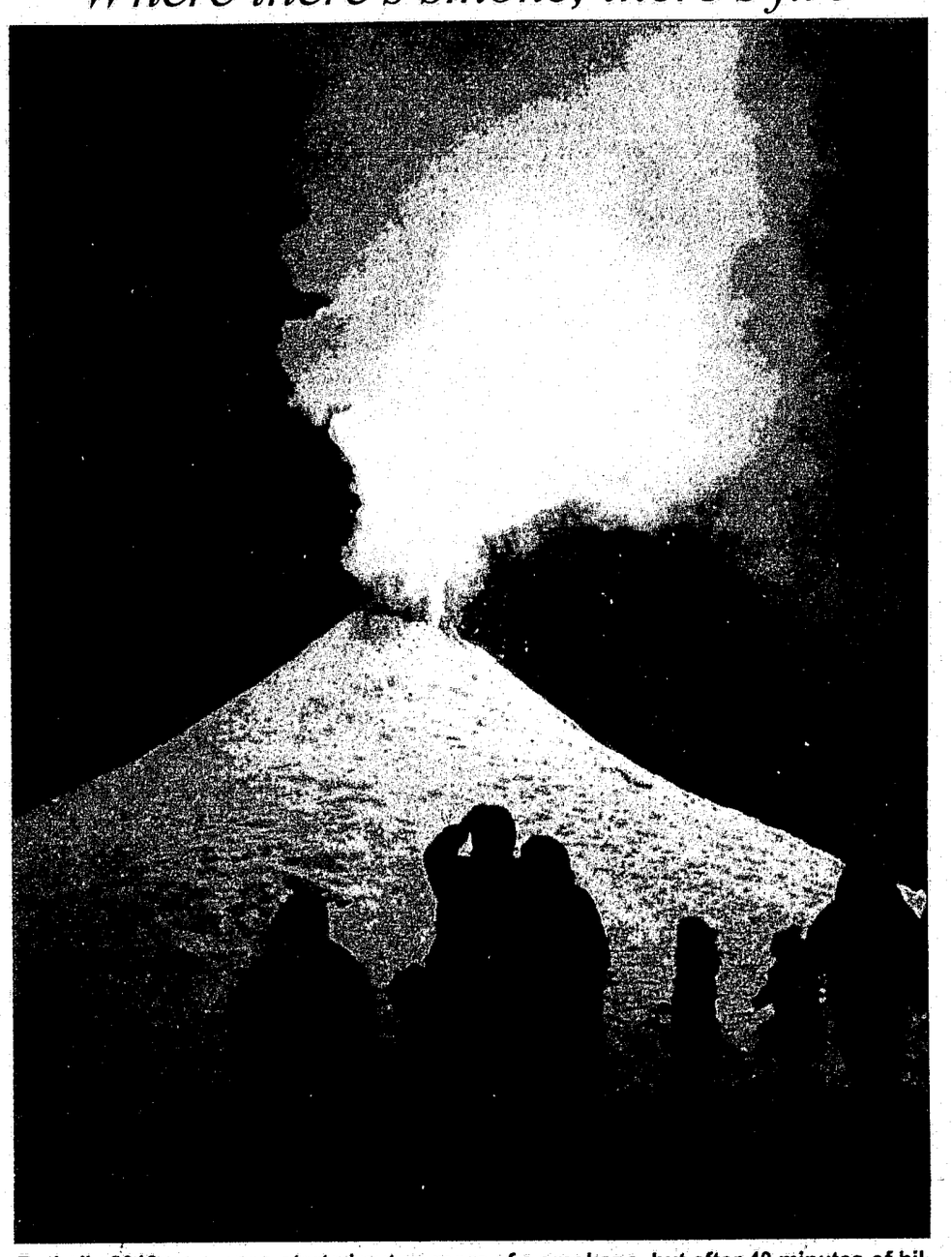

Bethel's 2013 snowcano started out as more of a smokano, but after 40 minutes of billowing smoke, the snow volcano burst into flames Saturday night. Hundreds of people turned out to watch, waiting in chilly temperatures and a biting wind. While some left just before the mountain ignited, those who stayed saw a roaring display. Engineer Jim Sysko said the logs inside the hill were burning the entire time from the bottom, but the flames took time to work their way to the top. This Saturday's events will include snow groomer rides, sledding on the snowcano hill and at 6 p.m., a "Railwars" rail jam at the site. *(Photo: A. Aloisio)*

Way cleared for 2.5-mile trail extension from Bethel Pathway

By ALISON ALOISIO

Mahoosuc Pathways has reached tentative agreements with six Bethel landowners to cross their property in order to create a 2.5-mile walking/biking trail from Route 2 to Angevine Park.

The trail would be an extension of the current 1.7-mile Pathway trail that starts at the Gateway parcel, according to Landon Fake, executive director of the MP trails organization.

"Mahoosuc Pathways is very excited to have landowners willing to help create a great route to access Angevine Park and extend the Pathway," Fake said Sunday. "There is a lot of work ahead, but I think we are in a good place. Individual landowner's needs, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and cost will affect the exact layout."

The town of Bethel must vote to accept the landowner agreements, he said.

The extension would start as a bike lane near the Bethel end of the North Road and run to the airport, where the trail would then reach out around the back side of the runway and on into wooded areas.

"It's the flattest piece of land between here and Ohio," said Fake. "I'd guess there is less than 20 feet of elevation change on the route. It's a mix of open areas, working industrial landscape, wetlands and woods. At any given time, on the eastern half, there may be timber harvesting, gravel mining, or grinding or crushing operations going on nearby. But if you look up, there are great views of Barker Mountain in the same place. I think that makes it interesting. Obviously there is one long, straight, level section, but there is also the possibility of seeing planes up close, landing or taking off."

The primary purpose of the trail, he said, "is to extend the length of the Pathway for walkers and bicyclists, and to create a safe route to walk or bike to Angevine Park,

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Mt. Abram asks support from Greenwood for $300,000 grant

By ALISON ALOISIO

Greenwood selectmen Tuesday agreed to provide a letter of intent as the first step to help Mt. Abram apply for a $300,000 state Community Development Block Grant. If approved, the grant would aid in a solar panel project, roadway and parking improvements, and energy plant extensions at the resort.

After the letter is received, the state program will decide whether to invite Mt. Abram to apply for the program.

If that happens, Greenwood residents would have to approve a formal application for the program because the funds would be channeled through the town.

The town could also run some financial risk if Mt. Abram did not meet all the requirements for an approved project.

Mathew Eddy, a consultant with Eaton Peabody of Augusta, is advising Mt. Abram as the resort works to develop its property. He presented the grant proposal to the board.

The solar project would make Mt. Abram energy self-sufficient and reduce operating costs, Eddy said.

The total estimated project cost to which the grant would be applied is $600,000, he said.

"The primary risk to the community is the creation of permanent jobs," he said.

Approximately one job would have to be created for every $30,000 of grant money. If enough jobs are not created, he said, the grant program could require the funds be repaid.

He said there are five current part-time jobs, and if approved the grant would create five permanent, nine-month jobs, "hopefully to grow to year-round." Other jobs could be a combination of part-time jobs that would be full-time equivalent jobs.

Eddy said precise details on the job creation plan would be available at a town meeting held to consider the proposal.

"They have to show they can create those jobs. If

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1,000+ names from cemeteries in Woodstock compiled for book

By ROSABELLE TIFFT
Special to the Bethel Citizen

The Woodstock Historical Society expects to have a record of all gravestones in the town's cemeteries available in a published book, hopefully by fall, thanks to the research and work of a dedicated volunteer, Joyce Howe.

The book and a DVD of gravestone photos will be available for sale as a fund raiser for the society as the town looks ahead to its bi-centennial in 2015.

"Joyce has completed a task of very high value to the Town of Woodstock and genealogists everywhere," said Town Manager Vern Maxfield.

"We did not have a complete index of those buried in the Lakeside Cemetery and other cemeteries in the area until now. The incredibly time consuming labor of love will be a great resource to many people, thanks to Joyce."

Howe said she learned about the importance of preserving and caring for old and neglected cemeteries through her membership in the Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA) in Augusta, which she joined four years ago.

MOCA was founded in 1969 for the purpose of locating old cemeteries in Maine, encouraging their care and preservation, and gathering and preserving historical infor-

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Newry to vote on budget, Byway "de-designation"

By ALISON ALOISIO

At the March 4 annual town meeting Newry residents will vote on a $771,838 municipal budget.

They will also decide whether to ask the Maine Commissioner of Transportation to remove the designation of "Scenic Byway" from Route 26 in Newry.

The municipal budget proposal is down from last year's $834,262, largely because the town's auditor is recommending that abatements and discounts now be taken from the Overlay Account instead of appropriating funds in separate accounts, according to Town Administrator Loretta Powers.

Capital Improvement

Selectmen propose to appropriate funds that have been carried forward from three accounts to the Capital Improvement Account. The three accounts are Bear River Watershed ($28,363); Sunday River Watershed ($9,431); and Tri-Town Transfer Station Capital Improvement ($15,276).

Powers said there have not been any watershed projects in several years. The transfer station account was established a decade ago in anticipation of work to be done jointly with Bethel and Hanover, but it never materialized, she said.

Other monies are proposed to be taken from Unappropriated Surplus Account, which currently stands at $1,033,295. Voters will be asked to appropriate $100,000 to the Capital Improvement Account and $75,000 to help offset taxes.

The Capital Improvement Account will be used, if approved, to provide up to $254,000 for road work on the Sunday River and Lone Pine roads.

Selectmen last week awarded to Bruce A. Manzer Inc. the bid to repave 6,288 feet of the Sunday River Road and reclaim and repave 3,150 feet of the Lone Pine Road.

Manzer's bid for the Sunday River Road project was $144,434 and for Lone Pine $69,348.

Other bids received were: Pike Industries, $196,500 for the Sunday River Road and $97,225 for Lone Pine; and White Bros., $174,336 and $77,795, respectively.

Manzer told the town if the price of asphalt increases before work begins, his charge to the town could go as high as $254,000, but not more than that, Powers said. The work is expected to start in mid-June.

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Senator Angus King talks tar sands, trains, sequestration

By ALISON ALOISIO

In a wide-ranging discussion with Bethel community leaders and businesspeople Tuesday, Sen. Angus King favored close scrutiny of any plan to reverse the flow of oil in the Portland-Montreal pipeline; expressed a willingness to work on rail service through this area; wondered about the value of raising the minimum wage; criticized the president for a lack of leadership on the debt crisis; and suggested a caucus of former governors in the U.S. Senate might play a role in breaking Congressional gridlock.

About three dozen people turned out to share views with Maine's newest senator at the hour-long gathering at the Bethel Inn.

The issue of the possible transport of diluted bitumen (dilbit or tar sands) through the nearby PMPL is a concern to some local residents who worry it may make a spill more likely. The question was put to King.

"I'm pretty skeptical of the idea," he said. "It's a different substance going in a different direction at a different pressure and temperature than we have traditionally pumped through that pipeline for the last 60 years. Why bear the risk if there isn't a lot in it for Maine?"

At the request of a tar sands opponent, he said he would support an effort by anti tar sands groups to require oil companies to provide a full environmental impact statement if they wish to reverse the flow, rather than allow them to

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Letters

MORE ON WIND ORDINANCE

To the Editor:

We'd like to share more information with Woodstock residents about the noise of wind turbines, which is the issue of most concern to those living near the Spruce Mountain facility. We described how our proposed Wind Ordinance will address this issue in a Letter to last week's Citizen.

People's responses to noise vary across a wide range. In our feedback from people living near the turbines on Spruce Mountain we learned that some don't hear them, some hear them and aren't particularly disturbed by the noise, and some find the noise to be annoying, disruptive of sleep, contributory to health issues and destructive of the quiet, rural nature of the community and their appreciation of their homes and property.

The noise from commercial wind turbines is very complex and therefore different from most other noises to which people are accustomed. The noise is often described as a combination of:

a "jet flying overhead" noise that doesn't pass by;

a "whoomp" noise – a large thumping increase in the volume of all of the noise coming from the turbines, timed about once per second at roughly the time each blade of the turbine passes the upright mast of the tower; and

an "industrial motor" noise – sort of like the sound of a cement mixer truck operating a hundred yards away.

Wind turbines also produce low frequency "sound pressure" which is below the range of human hearing and is "felt," rather than "heard," as a continual or thumping pressure in the chest or inner ear. It is experienced by perhaps a third of people who hear turbine noise and can result in headache, dizziness, nausea, migraine and sleep disturbance, with its consequent negative health effects.

We feel that the state has not adequately measured nor enforced its noise limits, but rather relies on the facility operator to measure and report noise. Consequently we have created a process of town oversight and enforcement, and the means for the developer to cover the costs to the town, as we explained in last week's Citizen.

We invite Woodstock residents to go to our online site at: http://woodstockwindordinance.Blogspot.com the effects of the noise at the Mars Hill and Vinalhaven wind facilities, and other relevant information. We welcome your questions and comments via e-mail at bpwindcomm@oxford tworks.net. And invite you to the Public Hearing at 6 p.m. on Feb. 26 at the Woodstock Town Office.

Bob Elliott, for the Woodstock Wind Energy Ordinance Committee – Charlie Reiss, Denise Hall, Dennis Poland and Marc Wentworth

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

To the Editor:

We are pleased to announce that, with the help of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, we have set up an annual scholarship fund.

Every year, we will be awarding a minimum of two, $1,000 scholarships to area residents who fit into one of the following categories:

1) high school senior that has been accepted and is committed to attending college or pursuing a formal higher education degree;

2) an area resident who is interested in attending the Eddy School in Newry and is identified by them as a needs based student; and

3) any adult who is enrolled in continuing education or change of career training (e.g. training to become a plumber, electrician, or courses to further expertise in a trade).

The application process is a simple letter describing the way the funds will be used and discussing why you believe that you are the best candidate for the scholarship money. In the case of student applicants, we may make inquiry as to the GPA or scholastic aptitude of the student before making a final decision. Priority will be given to residents of Newry although anyone in the Sunday River Area may apply.

Letters should be sent to The Owners, Ski Esta, 343 E. Hillendale Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348. The deadline for receiving the application is April 15 of each calendar year.

Scholarship winners will be announced at the annual Chamber of Commerce Awards dinner which is held in May of every year. Funds will be paid once proof of enrollment is provided.

Sophia Bilinsky
Kennett Square, Pa.

PARK WOULD BENEFIT NON-DOG PEOPLE

To the Editor:

There are those among us who don't particularly care for dogs, and there are those among us who have no use at all for the irresponsible sort of dog owner. Could those folks possibly benefit from Bethel's having a dog park? I believe so, and here's why.

Twenty-odd years ago, skiers regarded snowboarders as young, brash beginners. They were happy to see ski areas either ban snowboarders or limit them to a few slopes, and they resented the halfpipes that some ski areas built to attract snowboarders. Those skiers that were paying attention, though, came to appreciate those halfpipes, because the snowboarders spent much of their time there, which kept them off the regular trails. The snowboarders didn't use the lifts as much, either, because they were content to walk back to the top of the halfpipe. There was no need for Ski Patrol to monitor the halfpipes, for the snowboarders themselves enforced halfpipe etiquette through peer pressure.

More recently, there used to be complaints in Bethel about skateboarders riding on streets and sidewalks in the village. I've heard no such complaints since Bethel got a skate park, though, for a similar reason – the skateboarders cannot be on the streets and in the skate park at the same time, and they'd rather be in the park. The same peer pressure, too, keeps things pretty orderly.

You might think of a dog park as a place where dogs willingly confine themselves, like a halfpipe or a skate park. Yes, the dogs might bark, but they're barking way over there, not where you are. And yes, the dogs might poop, but remember this: every dump that a dog takes in the dog park is a dump that it's not taking someplace else. I suspect that peer pressure among dog owners will keep that dog park more poop-free than the rest of Bethel.

Scott Hynek
Bethel

THANKS FOR RPC SHELTER SUPPORT

To the Editor:

We at Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills want to thank all the people who contributed to the new shelter.

We held a fundraiser at the Mallard Mart in Bethel, on Feb. 16. We raised $500 in contributions from all the kind people.

We are moving from our Norway location to a much larger facility located at 9 Lower Swallow Road in South Paris.

The shelter houses animals from Norway, Paris, West Paris, Woodstock, Greenwood, Bethel, Buckfield, Oxford, Otisfield, Mechanic Falls, Harrison and Hebron.

Again, we thank EVERYONE for their support!

Vicki Vogel
for Responsible Pet Care
South Paris

PLEASE ABIDE BY DOG ORDINANCE

To the Editor:

I am encouraging all citizens but dog owners in particular to read the Town Ordinance 17-6B and 17-8B. One can go online to find our ordinance.

This speaks to dog waste, the proper removal and the failure to do so is in violation of applicable Maine statutes.

In short, pick up your dog poop!

Lynn Mason Courtney
Bethel

Newry

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Other large town accounts to be funded include Administration and Salaries ($247,773 recommended, with 2 percent raises for the staff); Highways and Bridges ($128,500, down from last year's $139,000); and Sanitation ($121,028, down from $128,488).

The Grange Hall and Municipal Building accounts are up from last year. Selectmen are proposing $12,500 for the Grange Hall ($10,000 last year), in part to pay for a new electric stove to replace the current gas stove. The Municipal Building Account is proposed at $27,300 ($19,300 last year), in part to pay for a new furnace.

Byways

Residents will be asked if they wish to have the designation of "Scenic Byway" removed from Route 26 in Newry. The designation has been in place for four decades for a stretch of Route 26 that is between three and four miles in length, in the northern part of the town.

The status attracted little attention locally until last year, when MDOT proposed to upgrade a "Corridor Management Plan" for the state byway and established a committee of local residents to make recommendations.

The Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments facilitated the update, along with another for a byway on Route 27. AVCOG received a $40,000 grant to support both efforts and provide improvements, possibly including signage and bathroom facilities. The grant money was made available for tourism-related improvements along the road, but not to the road itself.

State Scenic Byways Program Coordinator Fred Michaud participated in the review. But from the beginning committee members questioned the whole idea of a management plan, concerned that it might result in regulations that would affect property rights.

Then, at a special town meeting last August, voters overwhelmingly rejected supporting the development and implementation of the plan. They also discussed the possibility of eliminating the existing designation.

Michaud said then that "the decision to rescind the designation is up to the commissioner of transportation. The byway likely will not be undesignated, but Newry will not be shown as part of it, provided the commissioner decides to rescind the designation for the Newry section only."

In election of town officials, Selectman Gary Wight and SAD 44 Director Deb Webster are seeking re-election, according to Powers.

Under a new format approved last year, candidates may take out nomination papers to officially promote their candidacy, but are not required to do so. Wight did, Powers said.

Voters may still nominate candidates from the floor at town meeting.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall. It will be preceded by a potluck supper at5:30 p.m.

Celladore

'What do you do for fun?'

She was a large dark chestnut mare with a beautiful silky coat, very placid looking. Under saddle, she looked half her size and was the most stylish horse about. She was gentle, patient, well-trained, a perfect horse for a beginner. She would board with us for a while until Beth became more proficient. Eileen had progressed so fast that she had outgrown Apache and now brought Brandy, a tall saddle-bred type, another doll in the barn but nervous and high strung under saddle. Eileen managed him well. It was the autumn of the horse indeed.

The girls dashed up on bicycle right after school. For the first week or two, B.B. planned to be home when they came, to get them safely started and to be here in case of any mishaps. The girls did very well, B.B. felt sure they would be safe now alone as long as I was here to phone for help if needed. I was only a spoon myself, but put on a bold front and coped with whatever came up.

One afternoon Eileen came back leading Brandy. Some horseshoe nails were sticking out from a back shoe. She was afraid that something might get caught in them and hurt him. What to do?

"Does the shoe seem to be loose?" said I. She picked up his foot and shook it vigorously, "No." "Then it's all right to ride him," say I with great assurance. I reached into B.B.'s shoeing kit, picked out a pair of clippers, said an inward prayer and stooped down. I knew that he wouldn't kick me, but I was not a blacksmith. Easily I cut off the protruding nails even with his hoof, and off Eileen went again. Each eve when B.B. came home, I was waiting with questions to check if I had given good advice, or if not, what was best to do another time.

We all came to love Brandy especially. He was the only horse we ever had who seemed to want to please humans. Whenever we offered him food or water, he never refused as other horses disdainfully did when they did not wish it. Instead he always took one bite of hay or one sip of water. Dotti was about all fall lunging or brushing her Sandy, his official name too long to use. As I was about to take in the horses from the pasture one day, she volunteered that she would like to try leading one in. I passed her Brandy's halter rope. She hesitated, having seen him prance under saddle, but was game. He knew that he had a novice, so minced along much slower than usual. We had some tie stalls at the time and he was in one of them.

One morning early we heard a piteous call from his stall. We went out and looked in at havoc. He had gotten his hind leg tangled over the rope in back of him and was unable to reach his food. While waiting for dawn and us to come and rescue him, he had amused himself by reaching over into the bedding bin, had pulled down and torn apart six or seven bales of shavings.

CORRECTION

DOG PARK POLL-The opinion poll on the proposed Bethel dog park, signed by more than 100 people and submitted to the town, said they are opposed to the park "being built on any property owned by the town of Bethel. Our wish is that no taxpayer money be used to construct and maintain said park now or in the future." The article in last week's Citizen did not include the statement in its entirety.

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Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Bethel Fire Department purchased a Rescue Boggin. The Bethel Snow Twisters club donated $1,000 toward the purchase.

Five male members of the Western Mountains Senior College presented a dramatic reading, "The Village Men."

Deaths: Mansfield M. Packard, Lucille M. Buck, Helen R. Stewart, Yvette McKenna, Elsie M. Judkins, Beatrice B. Brown.

20 years ago: Four tractor trailers full of Bethel water replenished the Mt. Abram Village water system after a broken pipe had drained it.

The Junior Olympic Team in cross-country skiing was selected following the final New England qualifier held at Gould Academy and attended by over 100 racers.

Births: Shana Taylor Dutterer, Ashley Elizabeth Swan.

Deaths: Walter H. Grover, Helen B. Bowen.

30 years ago: Chris Mills was the winner of the Mel Jodrey Memorial Trophy at Sunday River Ski Area.

The Greenwood Recreation Committee presented its third annual variety show, under the direction of Gary Fuller, at the town hall.

Deaths: Herbert I. (Bud) Howard, Homer J. Patenaude.

40 years ago: For the second consecutive year, Paula Mills, grade 7, Telstar Regional High School, was the winner in the District 44 Spelldown.

Work being done at Martha's Restaurant included new roofing and siding, and a 12' x 30' addition on the north side of the building.

Deaths: Mrs. Katherine Abbott, Mrs. Annie A. Logan, Charles E. Schillenger.

50 years ago: Mike Myers, Karen Brown, and Craig Paul all sustained broken legs while skiing at Sunday River.

Nancy Fae Brown was the winner from Gould Academy in the 1963 Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow.

Births: Pauline Myra Crooker, Kelly Jo Brooks, Dennis Barker.

Deaths: Clifford Merrill, Thomas M. Quinn.

60 years ago: The new Hammond organ in the Locke Mills church was to be dedicated in an evening program on Feb. 26.

The Methodist Couples Club was entertained at the camp of Mr. and Mrs. Robert York at Rapid River.

Birth: Karen Marie Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Trask held open house on their 50th wedding anniversary.

70 years ago: Bethel schools were closed two days during a period of high winds, drifted roads and severe cold.

Bills to incorporate the Bethel Water District and to repeal the act creating the Bethel Village Corporation were presented in Legislature by Rep. Henry Boyker.

Deaths: Grace E. Ames, Fred Hapgood, Andrew Rose.

80 years ago: Fred L. Chapman presented a reed organ to the Northwest Bethel School.

90 years ago: Articles in the warrant for Bethel town meeting included: To see if the town cares to buy two Ford trucks for road work and raise money to pay for same. To see if the town will vote to buy two or more snow rollers to be used to break winter roads, and raise money to pay for same.

Deaths: Mrs. Laura A. Sanborn, Asa V. Stowell.

100 years ago: Railroad rates were reduced for the eight annual Portland automobile show.

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Howe

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Joyce Howe with some of her cemetery research materials.

(Photo: Rosabelle Tifft)

mation about them.

MOCA was eager to assist Howe in her work, she said, and she in turn shared her research with them. She was tutored in MOCA's Maine Inscription Project, a format and data-collection procedure prepared on a spreadsheet.

As she worked with MOCA she saw the value of having the information available in book form, both for the historical society and the town, as it could be very useful to genealogists. Volunteers from the historical society were also supportive of the project.

Howe said there are 22 neighborhood and family cemeteries identified in the Woodstock area. The largest cemetery, Lakeside, is in Bryant Pond and has about 1,000 names listed on the gravestones. Two smaller cemeteries in North Woodstock and South Woodstock have about 100 gravesites each. Private family cemeteries make up the remaining number.

Howe follows an organized process for recording gravesites. In small cemeteries, she starts in a corner and works in rows, while in larger cemeteries she works by sections.

She clears stones of debris in order to read the stone and take a photo. She records information from the stone and gives each gravesite stone a number.

Each name on that stone is listed under the same gravestone number plus another identifying number. If no stone is found in a gravesite, she makes a note of her observations, such as a depression in the ground, field stones, or other markers. In addition, each individual cemetery is identified by its own code.

Howe found two helpful references for her work in some of the cemeteries. These included Woodstock Cemeteries, by Eva Bean, Ruby Emery and Mary Cobb, published around 1981, and the Woodstock cemetery recording by James Bonney of Bethel, when he did his Eagle Scout project in 1993-4.

Howe enters transcriptions taken from gravestones in a data base on a spreadsheet. The GPS coordinate is also noted. She is in the process of designing a map of each cemetery to help people locate gravesites. The spreadsheets contain another item of interest - all military affiliations. She said the Daughters of Union Veterans have been helpful in adding this information. They also place flags on all military graves for Memorial Day.

Still a mystery

Howe recalls a mysterious incident that involved a lot of research on her part. A woman from New Hampshire contacted the historical society seeking to locate the grave of a friend's ancestor by the name of John Starbird, buried in a cemetery known as Skunk's Misery.

Howe was on a mission to find it. With the help of several friends, she discovered that Skunk's Misery was the cemetery known as Dunham, now identified as Koskela, in South Woodstock. She had not recorded this cemetery at the time. One of her friends made the comment that many folks buried there had come from a neighborhood called Skunk's Misery, because even a skunk would be miserable there.

"It's also said to be haunted by a ghost of a buried soldier who has been seen wearing a uniform," said Howe, adding, "I've never seen him myself."

In further research, Maxfield found a document listing the names of some of those buried in Skunk's Misery (no Starbird mentioned) and described the location, which is the same as Dunham/Koskela.

In spite of hours of research, the grave of the friend's ancestor was never found.

Howe said many of the family cemeteries have changed names over the years. For example: Cushman Cemetery has been called Perham's, Perkin's, and Davis. These names are noted on the spreadsheets for reference.

Howe is quick to point out the assistance provided by volunteers to this project. First, she acknowledges the help and support of her mother, Annella Burnham, who has since passed away. Howe has placed a memorial tribute to her mother on the Lakeside Cemetery cover page of the data sheet.

Other volunteers who helped with the initial reading and recording of the gravestone inscriptions, photography, and editorial assistance include Elsie Bonney, Ruth Howe and Sylvie Murphy. Howe also received much help from MOCA, namely the president, Cheryl Patten, and the treasurer, Roland Jordan, who is in charge of the Maine Inscription Project.

Once the snow is gone, the final stages of the project will be underway. Howe and her volunteers will be getting out to the remaining cemeteries for recording, photos, and data sheets and then double-checking for accuracy.

Now that her project is nearly completed, Howe said she is getting excited about having the results of her research printed and available in a book.

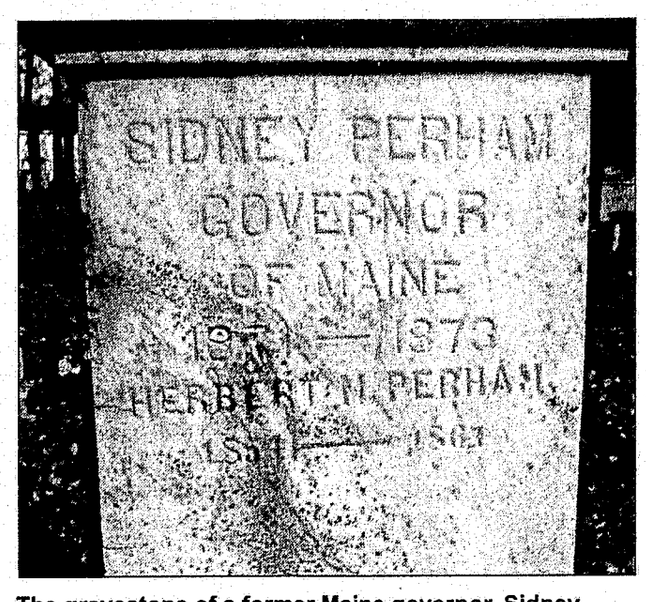
A lifelong interest

Howe has always been interested in cemeteries. She recalls living in Otisfield in her youth where she would stroll in the cemetery, checking out the stones. During a trip to Boston, her agenda included a visit to the Granary Burial Grounds where Paul Revere is buried.

She became interested in genealogy after the death of her grandmother in 1990 and her father in 1997. This led to a greater interest in cemeteries in general, and Woodstock ones in particular, as her husband's relatives are buried in several Woodstock cemeteries.

She recalls meeting the president of MOCA, who introduced her to their work. "I was hooked," she said.

Anyone interested in working with their own town cemeteries may e-mail Howe for information at jhowe@megalink.net.



The gravestone of a former Maine governor, Sidney Perham, in Woodstock's Lakeside Cemetery.

(Photo: Joyce Howe)

Briefly

BETHEL-The Bethel Planning Board last week approved a plan for a new dog park on town land behind the Shell Station on Route 2. The proposed park, which would be built with private funds, has been the center of controversy for several months. About 30 people turned out for a public hearing that preceded last week's Planning Board meeting. Supporters said dogs and their owners would benefit from a safe, fenced-in area, and the town would benefit economically because many visitors want a park available to exercise their dogs. Opponents worried about the location and the possible financial consequences for the town. The hearing lasted an hour, after which planners concluded their review of the application and approved it. The issue may not be over, however, as Bethel selectmen are considering holding a referendum vote on the park in June.

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Trail

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and eventually to provide a route to the Bethel Water District land and Bingham Forest."

The trail route will cross some of the same ground as a snowmobile trail that runs from Bethel into the Sunday River Valley, he said, "but it will only use it for a short distance at both the east and west ends, where it leaves the North Road and then comes back to it."

The route will require construction work before it can be used. The goal is a 12-foot wide paved pathway, Fake said. But the trail would start as gravel, with some parts narrower than 12 feet.

The rough cost estimate for a gravel trail is $110,000 to $220,000. MP has applied to the Maine National Guard to do rough construction as part of the Guard's Innovative Readiness Training program.

"The Guard would build basically a rough tank road and we will still need to finish it to a higher level," said Fake.

The town of Bethel has also applied for a $40,000 Maine Department of Transportation grant, with a 20 percent town cash match, to build the bike lane section from the BIG Adventure Center to the airport.

MP has a commitment of $25,000 for the project from the Northern Oxford Health and Services Council.

As for a timetable of construction and funding, said Fake, "If we are successful in getting the help of the Maine National Guard, they would start in 2014. We need to figure out if we want to start on the east end before then. That will depend on funding and whether the DOT money comes through. The DOT money would also come in 2014, but knowing it was there would help in committing to doing the eastern half without the Guard. I don't think we need all the money in hand to start the first half, but certainly a good part of it."

Once the trail is completed, the town would assume maintenance, Fake said. Town Manager Jim Doar estimated Tuesday that cost could be roughly $400 a year, based on an unpaved trail surface.

Fake said MP will work to maintain a good relationship with the landowners who are opening up their property.

"There is the natural concern that allowing the pathway will constrain the use or access to your property, or affect the ability to sell it," he said. "They worry about vandalism and trash. Many people out recreating expect to use private property, but don't have any idea that someone owns it, cares for it, pays taxes on it, and maybe uses it to make a living. That is a lot of the concern. I hope we can address some of that with signs and education."

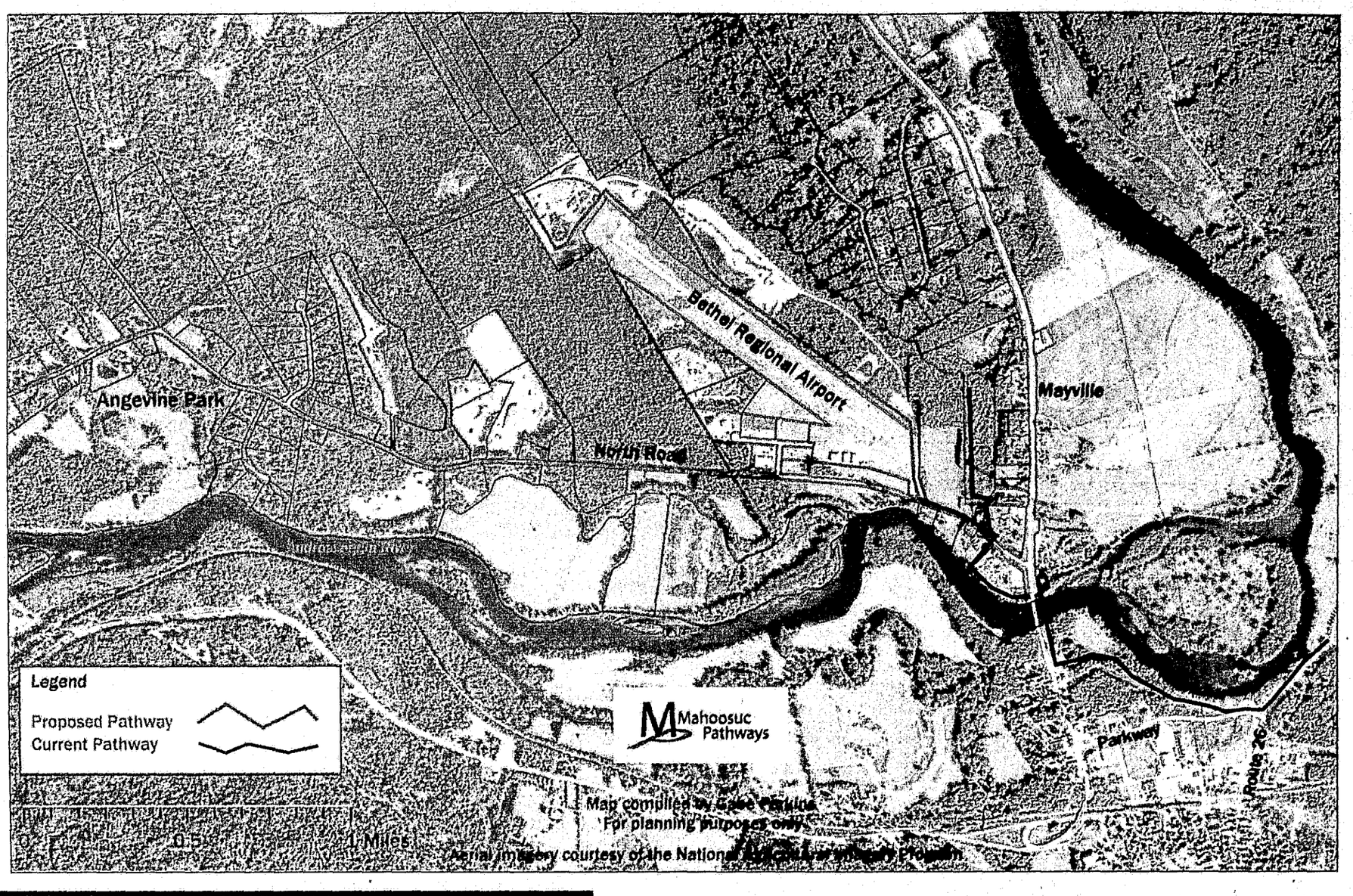
Fake expressed MP's gratitude to the landowners and to Sunday River Ski Resort. "Without Sunday River's financial support, we wouldn't have gotten the organization off the ground," he said.

MP is also funded by local businesses, individuals and foundation grants.

Davis Park-Telstar extension

Mahoosuc Pathways has also been working to establish landowner agreements to allow the extension of the Pathway from Davis Park to Telstar High School. "We haven't been successful getting an off-road route established so far, but we haven't given up," he said.

Fake said MP is talking to the Maine Department of Transportation about other options. He said they are planning to resurface several miles of Route 26 from Davis Park south this year. "There may be some options for a combination of pathway and sidewalk, but so far only expensive options. Putting a five-foot sidewalk along 26, for example, would cost the town almost $150/ foot, so that's not a viable solution."



An aerial map of Bethel showing the existing Pathway (in purple) and the proposed extension (orange), for which Mahoosuc Pathways now has landowner agreements. (Map may also be seen at www.bethelcitizen.com) *(Map compiled by Gabe Perkins; imagery courtesy NAIP)*

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Mahoosuc Land Trust accredited by national lands commission

The Mahoosuc Land Trust has received accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, according to an *MLT* press release.

"Our land trust is a stronger organization today having gone through the rigorous accreditation program in which we raised the level of our policies, practices and procedures to meet national standards," said MLT Executive Director Jim Mitchell. "We are proud to have received national recognition for our commitment to conservation. Land owners should find confidence in our ability to care for conserved land in perpetuity."

The Land Trust was awarded accreditation this month, and is one of 201 land trusts from across the country that has been awarded accreditation since the fall of 2008.

To meet quality standards in conserving lands, the Land Trust examined all aspects of its land transactions and created a prescribed, orderly checklist of actions required by landowners conserving land and the Land Trust accepting the responsibility to protect the land into perpetuity.

Clear and concise expectations and commitments by each party now make for a more efficient transaction and one that meets the desires of the land owner and the responsibility of the Land Trust, according to MLT.

The documentation for conserved lands is now standardized and has clear instructions on how the land will be stewarded today and by future generations. In order to care for conserved lands in perpetuity, the Land Trust ensures the financial resources for this responsibility at the time it accepts a conserved property.

Accredited land trusts are authorized to display a seal indicating to the public that they meet national standards for excellence, uphold the public trust and ensure that conservation efforts are permanent. The seal is a mark of distinction in land conservation, according to the release.

"This round of accreditation decisions represents another significant milestone for the accreditation program; the 201 accredited land trusts account for half of the 20,645,165 acres currently owned in fee or protected by a conservation easement held by a land trust," said Commission Executive Director Tammara Van Ryn. "Accreditation provides the public with an assurance that, at the time of accreditation, land trusts meet high standards for quality and that the results of their conservation work are permanent."

Each accredited land trust submitted extensive documentation and underwent a rigorous review. "Through accreditation land trusts conduct important planning and make their operations more efficient and strategic," said Van Ryn. "Accredited organizations have engaged and trained citizen conservation leaders and improved systems for ensuring that their conservation work is permanent."

The Mahoosuc Land Trust was founded in 1989 and works in central Oxford County and eastern Coos County, N.H. MLT has worked with eight land owners who have put conservation easements on their properties, totaling 5,565 acres. In addition, the trust owns 1,374 acres of land consisting of several islands and two boat landings on the Androscoggin River, the Gateway property in Bethel, the Stewart Family Preserve (Puzzle Mountain) in Newry, and Rumford Whitecap Preserve in Rumford. In October 2012, The Nature Conservancy transferred title to iconic Step Falls Preserve in Newry to the Mahoosuc Land Trust.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, based in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., awards the accreditation seal to community institutions that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever.

The commission, established in 2006 as an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, is governed by a volunteer board of diverse land conservation and nonprofit management experts from around the country. See a complete list of all 21 recently accredited land trusts online at http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/newsroom/press-releases. More information on the accreditation program is available on the commission's website, www.landtrustaccreditation.org.

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King

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Sen. Angus King (standing) at a forum at the Bethel Inn Tuesday. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

make such a move based on current permits.

But on the larger issue of Canada's plans to get its dilbit oil to world markets, King said he was reluctant to tell Canadians how to handle their land, environment and economy.

However, if a plan to build the "Keystone" pipeline from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico were to come to the forefront, he said, "taking it through the U.S. is our business. Keystone should pass environmental muster with the people of Nebraska."

King was also asked for his views on another potential Portland-Montreal project: the return of rail service.

Some in the room said it would be an important economic development tool for the region.

King said he is a big fan of Amtrak service and the Downeaster in particular, and he would be willing to work with a local group advocating for service here.

The senator also posed his own question to the gathering: What did they think of raising the minimum wage to $9 an hour?

Responses were mixed, ranging from "It's not high enough," to "It would discourage employers from hiring the youngest employees."

"The idea of having more money in circulation is good," said King. "But that money has to come from somewhere."

He said he is so far undecided on the issue, but was pondering the idea of indexing the wage to inflation.

Turning to Washington politics and the national debt, King offered a tutorial on the debt crisis.

Noting that sequestration will go into effect March 1 if no alternative is found, King reminded the audience that budget cuts averaging 9 percent across the board would affect defense and non-defense discretionary spending, but not Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and interest on the national debt.

Instead of trying to make sense of the usual raw numbers offered on the budget problems, King outlined spending and taxes as a percentage of the gross domestic product.

"Non-defense discretionary spending is at the lowest percentage of GDP that it's been at in 50 years (2.8 percent compared to an historic 3.5 percent)," he said. Examples of such spending include education, national parks and air traffic control.

The problem, he said, is health care costs - Medicare, Medicaid and federal employee care costs. While projections for Social Security, defense spending and non-defense discretionary spending are relatively flat, he said, health costs go from 4 to 12 percent of GDP.

"We could cut discretionary spending down to zero and we'd still have a budget problem," said King.

Sequestration, he said, "is shooting an arrow at the wrong target. I am very frustrated by the president not coming forward to lead to a solution on this problem."

He also said federal revenue is at its lowest since 1950. With tax revenue at 15 percent of the GDP compared to an historic average of 19 percent, and spending at 24 percent, "that's where the gap is," he said.

He said as an Independent, he hopes to contribute to a solution by talking to both sides.

King also said he is among a dozen senators who are former governors.

"We're going to put together a caucus and talk about these things," he said. "Governors are used to getting things done."

Mt. Abram

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they don't create those jobs, you could conceivably be at risk to pay the money back, and we don't want you to be in that situation."

But, he said, an arrangement could be made under which Mt. Abram would guarantee "to cover that if they fail to create the jobs, so the incentive is theirs."

He said the resort could lower its grant request if the job creation goal does not seem feasible.

"We know we'll have five jobs, what we're looking for is how to figure out the other five."

He said the solar panel project would require two or three people for maintenance.

Applications for the program begin March 1. The funds are not available until July 1.

Written background provided to selectmen described Mt. Abram's recent and future development activities and plans:

"Mt. Abram is poised to both expand its core ski business and expand to provide year round recreation activities. Most recently, the mountain utilized an energy efficiency grant to upgrade its heating plant (self sustaining, wood pellets grown and harvested on site) and its snow making equipment, which includes substantial energy savings. The mountain has private equity commitments to install (permits in hand) a net meter solar panel system that will help it achieve true energy self sufficiency.

"Projects to upgrade overall operations include: Expand snow making ponds ($160,000); Development of a public water supply and fire suppression system ($300,000); Roadway and parking system improvements; Energy plant extension ($150,000); Howe Street improvements ($1 million; infrastructure project planned for next year); Trail system development ($150,000); Commercial timeshare condo units ($ unknown); Transit program ($250,000 annually); Solar panels ($1.2 m; $120,000 equity commitment, $500,000 private financing committed, $195,000 REAP application, $145,000 gap). This application focuses on solar panels, roadway and parking improvements, and energy plant extension."

When the resort gets to some of the further development, such as the trails and condos, "the job creation will be more substantial over time," Eddy said.

In response to a question from Selectman Arnie Jordan, Eddy said the resort would like to do paving improvements and drainage work on Howe Hill Road from the mountain to the Route 26 intersection. The funding would come from additional grant money, applied for in another phase next year, he said. "We would not be asking the community to put any money into it," he said.

That application could involve an income survey on the Howe Hill Road to determine if at least 51 percent of the permanent residents qualify as low to moderate income.

Eddy said the resort wants to leverage more money "so they can really do what they want to do."

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Tuesday, Feb. 12

At 4:19 p.m. a driver on Vernon Street lost control in snow and struck a tree. The driver received facial injuries and refused transport by Rescue. The Bethel Fire Department also responded.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

At 12:32 p.m. a caller reported an oversized load on Chandler Hill Road. Deputy Josh Wyman was explaining options and the caller hung up.

At 12:24 p.m. a concealed weapons permit background investigation was conducted on a Bethel resident.

At 3:32 p.m. a concealed weapons permit background check was conducted on a Bethel resident.

Thursday, Feb. 14

At 2:25 p.m. Deputy Josh Wyman conducted a traffic stop on Route 2 and issued the driver a summons for operating after suspension.

At 2:27 p.m. Deputy Josh Wyman responded to Railroad Street for a criminal mischief complaint. The case is under investigation.

At 3:11 p.m. a caller reported a hitchhiker on Mayville Road. Deputy Mike Halacy checked the area but did not locate the subject.

Saturday, Feb. 16

At 11:08 a.m. a subject pumped $56 in gas on Mayville Road and drove off. There was no contact with the vehicle.

At 3:07 p.m. a gas drive off was reported on Railroad Street, in the amount of $54.90. A phone number was located for the vehicle owner and a message was left.

Sunday, Feb. 17

At 11:50 a.m. Maine State Police requested that Deputy George Cayer check with a male subject who might have a missing 16-year-old juvenile with him. The subject was contacted and said the juvenile was not with him.

At 6:50 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the Sunday River Road for a tree that had broken off on a curve, blocking a lane of traffic. MDOT was advised.

At 7:08 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the West Bethel Road for a tree top blocking a lane of traffic. He dragged the tree from the road and removed the branches.

Monday, Feb. 18

At 10:24 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the West Bethel Road for a two-vehicle crash with five occupants and no injuries. One vehicle had rear-ended another while it was making a left turn.

TOWN OF NEWRY PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252... a notice is hereby given that a Public hearing will be held on March 5, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. at the Newry Town Office to consider a new Liquor License for Rotary Club of Bethel to have a Wine Tasting Fund Raiser, located at 21 White Heat Road the White Cap Lodge at Sunday River.

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Notice of Public Hearing
February 26, 2013
Town of Woodstock
The Woodstock Planning Board and the Woodstock Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday February 26, 2013 @ 6:00 PM to take comments on ordinance proposals which will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting to be held on March 25, 2013. The Public Hearing will be held at the Conference Room at the Woodstock Town Office.
The ordinance proposals and amendments are as follows;
1. Commercial Wind Energy Facility Ordinance
2. Amendment to the Site Plan Review Ordinance
3. Amendment to the Consumer Fireworks Ordinance
4. Amendment to the Property Maintenance Ordinance
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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

Hundreds of people were at Festival Plaza on Saturday night for the Snowcano eruption.

Like many volcanic eruptions, this one was unpredictable. Scheduled for 6:30 p.m., sparks finally appeared out of the smoking mouth of the Snowcano at about 7:12. For those of us who were patient, it was worth the wait. Sunday morning the Snowcano was still smouldering and the snow was black from the eruption. The sledding hill will be back in operation on Saturday, Feb. 23. You need to bring your own sled. If you don't have one, Brooks Bros. on Main Street has a variety of plastic snow sleds, saucers, and toboggans.

Bethel WinterFest continues through next weekend with activities throughout the area. There is a full schedule of events in the Citizen and also at www.bethelwinterfest.com. There are two events that I recommend. On Saturday, Feb 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., there are free snow groomer rides at Festival Park. The rides are given by Greenstock SnowSports, which maintains and grooms trails in this area. Snowmobiling is one of Maine's biggest industries. This is the only place I know where you can get a free ride in a snow groomer and learn how the trails are maintained. The other special event is the RAILWARS, a rail jam that will take place on the side of the Snowcano on Saturday at 6 p.m.

There will be a Community Supper on Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road, across from Telstar. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge.

If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ

I don't mean to keep harping on the weather, but wasn't that wind something else? Debris everywhere and quite the snowdrifts in some spots. Luckily we didn't lose power. As the sap starting to flow is a sign of spring, please, someone tell me that it has started to flow.

Martha Stowell and Aline Dupont went out to dinner at the Sudbury Inn and had a great time. It is part of their once-a-month ritual and girl time.

Other than that there isn't much happening in East Bethel right now.

If I missed you and you have some news or tidbit, call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net.

Here is the answer to the Trivia: Eva Bean's ashes were spread at Bartlett Cemetery, which is less than a mile from her birthplace.

Have a great week.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

The month of February is moving right along and school vacation is upon us this week. My vacation started early since I have been sick for the past couple of weeks.

My brother, Steve McLain, went to Bethel last weekend and stopped to visit with the Responsible Pet Care representatives that were set up at a local business. They were trying to make people aware of what Responsible Pet Care does and were taking donations to help with the care of the animals that they are trying to help. They are a no-kill shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs. There was a cute picture in last week's Citizen of a pair of cats waiting for a home. Contact information was given as (207) 743-8679 for anyone who would like to adopt or help out in some way.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to our son, Chris, who is celebrating a birthday on Feb. 21st.

Lise McLain attended the Senior Club dinner at the Black Diamond restaurant at Sunday River on Wednesday, Feb. 13. The Senior Club is fifty (50) years old this year.

Steve and Lise McLain want to wish their daughter-in-law Peachy McLain a Happy Birthday on Feb. 11.

This column is short and sweet, due to not feeling well and still trying to keep up with end of the year bookwork for the Town of Gilead. Things need to get done and ready for the Annual Town Report and Annual Town Meeting in March.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER

For those of you who receive federal benefit checks, such as Social Security, veterans' benefits and the like, remember that as of March 1 you will no longer be able to receive these checks through the US Post Office. You must now receive your benefits electronically either by direct deposit to your bank/credit union or to a prepaid debit card.

Information on how to do this is available either online at www.godirect.gov or through your bank/credit union.

It may be early for our young folks to start thinking about prom dresses, but the Bethel Area District Exchange just received a shipment of hardly-worn fashionable prom dresses from New York and New Jersey. Stop in and get the best selection now and save a huge amount of money. (See the Community Calendar page of this paper for hours of operation.)

A big thank you goes out to Richard Blanco, the inaugural poet. He gave a free reading of his poetry to area residents last Friday evening at Gould Academy. It was a full house, and he received several standing ovations. They were well deserved. His writing is capable of touching the hearts of all.

The sap started running last week at The Dunham Farm. While it seems a bit early, this is about the same time sap started running last year. Around here it is the sugar maple (Acer saccharum) that produces sap. I know other parts of the country both the red maple and black maple are also tapped for sap but produce a different quality and sweetness of sap.

Sugar maples store starch in their trunks and roots before the winter.

The starch is then converted to sugar that rises in the sap when nights are below freezing and days are above freezing. If the weather does not follow this temperature pattern, the sap ceases to follow until the freeze/thaw cycle returns. The sap collecting season lasts about four-to-six weeks.

There is no official source of how humans came to use maple sap to make syrup. The Wabanakis, the Native Americans of this region, made this syrup. How they came about doing this may be associated with squirrel behavior. Zoologist and naturalist Bernd Heinrich (and others) states that squirrels bite the branches of maples, run off to bite more branches, and then circle back a few minutes later to lap the sap that has begun to flow from their first bite marks. Heinrich discusses this in his book, A Year in the Maine Woods. It is a very good look at western Maine natural history through the seasons.

You can send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

The Woodstock Historical Society meeting was canceled for February because of the weather. Next meeting will be March 9 at the Town Conference Room. Larry Bonney will be doing the program on some of Woodstock's early settlements.

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The charter was draped in memory of a Real Son of a Union Veteran, Edward Roodes. Chowder supper was discussed. We talked about Memorial Day. The flag at the Honor Roll was taken down as the rope broke. General orders and a new Roster were received. Next meeting is March 11. Calls reported were 13. Elena Noyes received the mystery package. Valentines were written for veterans in the South Paris Veterans' Home.

Don't forget the Chowder Supper to be held at the Woodstock Elementary School on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 3 to 7 p.m. This is a public supper to benefit the Honor Roll extension, put on by the Grange with help from the Daughters of Union Veterans. Come help support this good cause. Soup, chowder, chop suey, chili, coleslaw, dessert, and drink for $8.

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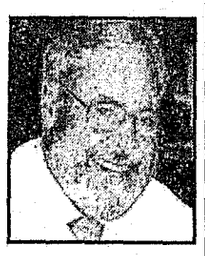
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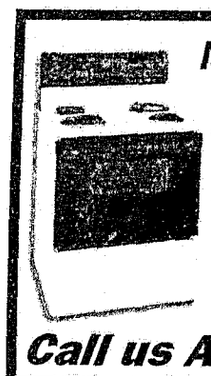
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Upton

By JOE BERNIER

The German Dinner served Saturday by the Ladies Aid was very good.

And as always, Sunday breakfast was also good.

The State Line Snowmobile Club will meet Saturday, Feb. 23, in the Upton House.

The Letter B Notch Riders will have their first meeting of 2013 in March.

Due to a schedule conflict the Upton Planning Board meeting that was planned for Feb. 22 has been rescheduled on March 1.

The trails are great, hope to see you out there.

Call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Andover

By JANE RICH

Last Tuesday 22 people took advantage of the free community lunch put on by the People in Action Committee at the CEB dining room. The next community lunch will be March 19 and the menu will be quiche, tossed salad, rolls or biscuits.

Town Hall renovations done by a group of community minded volunteers are proceeding. Renovations have been made to the kitchen, dining room, and old selectman's office. A door has been replaced which leads into the dining room. The group is currently planning what to do with the entrance hallway. One of the considerations is what to do with the plaster walls that need repair.

Absentee Ballots for the March 19 election of town officials are now available at the Town Office. Town meeting is March 16 with elections the following Tuesday. If you have not yet registered your dog, there is a $25 late fee and as usual you will need to bring proof of spaying or neutering when you register the animal.

The Andover Service Circle will be sponsoring a luncheon on Town Meeting day downstairs in the dining room. The menu is soups, etc.

The Knights of Pythias met on Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. This is a service organization that on Monday night presented a check to the Andover Food Pantry. At the Supreme Convention of the Knights of Pythias monetary gifts to local lodges were made to go toward community service projects. The two longest members of Cabot Lodge 117, Freeman Farrington and Roger Mills, presented a $250 check on Monday evening to Linda Couture, director of the Andover Food Pantry. The pantry is open on Tuesdays for 9-10 a.m. at the First Congregational Church. Cabot Lodge was founded on Oct. 22, 1897.

At the annual meeting of the First Congregational Church on Sunday, the date for the annual Birthday Supper was set for April 27. This event has been going on since 1938 and was originally held in the Town Hall. Each table is decorated for a month of the year and dessert is birthday cake.

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT

Good morning from Albany Township! We are still here even though I thought we would go to Oz last night in the wind!

It has been a very busy week as we have enjoyed spirit week along with getting ready for vacation.

Sadly Margaret Barton broke her ankle and after surgery she is at Clover Manor, Belfast wing in room 8. I am sure she would love to see her friends and neighbors.

Would like to thank our road crews for keeping the roads passable during all the messy storms.

There have been many birthdays in Albany lately and a very happy birthday to you all!

I have spent the weekend in East Bethel with Bella as Doug and Jen went to Portland with friends and to a concert Saturday night.

I am desperate for Albany news!! Please call or e-mail me whatever you would like to share. You can always leave a voice mail or a message on my home phone.

Enjoy this week as there is lots to do in beautiful Oxford County. Chow for now!

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM

A beautiful sunny morning on this Friday, Feb. 15 with beautiful blue skies. The birds are busy and enjoying this spring-like day.

Looking for a home

Would you like to brag that you have a mini-black panther for a pet? Augusta's sleek body, and shiny fur give him a panther-like appearance. Augusta is playful. He does not like to be picked up. He does enjoy interacting with anyone who will dangle a toy for him to bat or play a game of toss the mouse around. This attractive, mini-panther is not on the endangered list. He is on the adoption list at Responsible Pet Care and he's ready to play. Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs located at 132 Waterford Road in Norway. There are many pets at the shelter waiting for their forever homes. For more information about RPC, the adoption process, or to see more adoptable pets visit their website at www.rpc.petfinder or call 207-743-8679.

Condolences to the families of Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, John Cox IV, Norman Cyr, Priscilla Bean, Phyllis Corson, Lyman Wing, William O. Brown, Jr., Lucy Ray and Robert Kerr. Our thoughts and prayers are with each family member on the loss of their loved ones.

Get well wishes to all of those who are still fighting these awful colds and flu.

A very speedy recovery to Wm. (BJ) Moreau who underwent heart surgery this past week. He is a patient at the Bangor Hospital.

We were lucky and did not lose our power during that big snowstorm and thank God it was not that heavy, wet snow.

The deer have been busy daily traveling through our back yard.

I love the days getting longer and within a few short weeks we will begin to see the buds popping on the trees and the flowers beginning to show signs of new life.

Well, that's all from the valley this week. Stay well and enjoy each day.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM

This has been a busy week for us usual stay-at-home people. I actually went out two nights this long weekend. I went with Om Devi and Eric to represent Mountain Poets at Richard Blanco's reading. He read his poetry at Gould Academy in Bethel. He did a great job. He has great stage presence and of course his poetry was quite good. The reception at Bethel Inn was nice, too. Gould would do well to shovel their handicap ramp before there is a really bad accident.

Dave on Sunday attended his sister's funeral in Rhode Island. Being a snowy day, I opted out, but David, trooper that he is went the distance. He is a good brother even if he doesn't think so.

Then for President's Day Dave and I went to the Democratic thank you party for campaign workers. Held at the Oxford Casino it gave us a chance to look at that place. They have a nice room for small functions, but it didn't make me want to go to the main room and gamble. Too busy for me. It reminded me of a train station during to holidays. Lot of noise and no one going anywhere.

Hope this week isn't as busy, but oncoming snow says otherwise.

Thursday, Feb. 21, ACOA will meet at 10 a.m. at the Waterford Library. FMI please call 739-9115.

At 6 p.m. there will be a community supper at the Wilkins House in Waterford. Hosts will be Meg Wheeler and Karen O'Brian. Bring a dish full of your best to share and chat with your neighbors.

Saturday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. there is free snowshoe demos departing from Festival Plaza in Bethel courtesy of True North Adventure. There are also free snow groomer rides provided by GreenStock Snow Sports.

Then at 6 p.m. Bethel WinterFest Railways Snowcano Jam will have fun showing off skiing and boarding.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, there will be a book discussion at Waterford Library. All are welcome FMI please call 583-2050.

That is all for this week. The hour is getting late, or should I say early as it is 4 a.m. Have a great week and watch out for those pesky snowstorms.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER

The wind in last weekend's "snow-less blizzard" was about as bad as I have endured in years, particularly Sunday night. Our electric power was cut off at about 7 p.m. that evening and stayed off until about 3:30 p.m. on Monday. Afterward, I noted that a large rotten white birch on our road and a pair of pine trees near Applins' driveway had blown down and shorted out the lines. Our trusty Honda generator provided enough power to run our refrigerator, furnace, water pump and freezers, so we stayed warm and endured only minor inconveniences. Several of our neighbors also have generators for just such occasions.

Wild Weasel: 100 Missions at Last. Throughout the summer and early fall of 1967 Sam and I flew nearly every day, mostly into the heavily SAM defended areas of North Vietnam. During that time, we launched numerous Shrike missiles at SAM radars, knocking quite a few of them off the air – some by destroying radar vans and some going off the air because the SAM radar operators shut them off to avoid getting hit. We also attacked a few sites with our cluster bombs, but with our primitive weapons (by today's standards), I don't believe we thoroughly destroyed many missile sites. Despite all our efforts, it seemed as though there were as many SAM sites active in the fall as there had been in the spring. Of course, during that time frame, the Port of Haiphong was never attacked, and the Russians were able to continue to bring replacement weapons into NVN unmolested.

In all, 65 of our missions went into the red SAM defended areas, and most of our "easy" missions went into the southern panhandle of NVN, where we went to protect B-52's bombing suspected enemy troop concentrations and mountain passes in nearby Laos used by the N. Vietnamese army truck convoys bringing supplies to their forces fighting in S. Vietnam. These missions were considered "easy" for us because there were seldom any SAM sites there, only the threat of a heavily camouflaged site hoping to get a shot at a B-52

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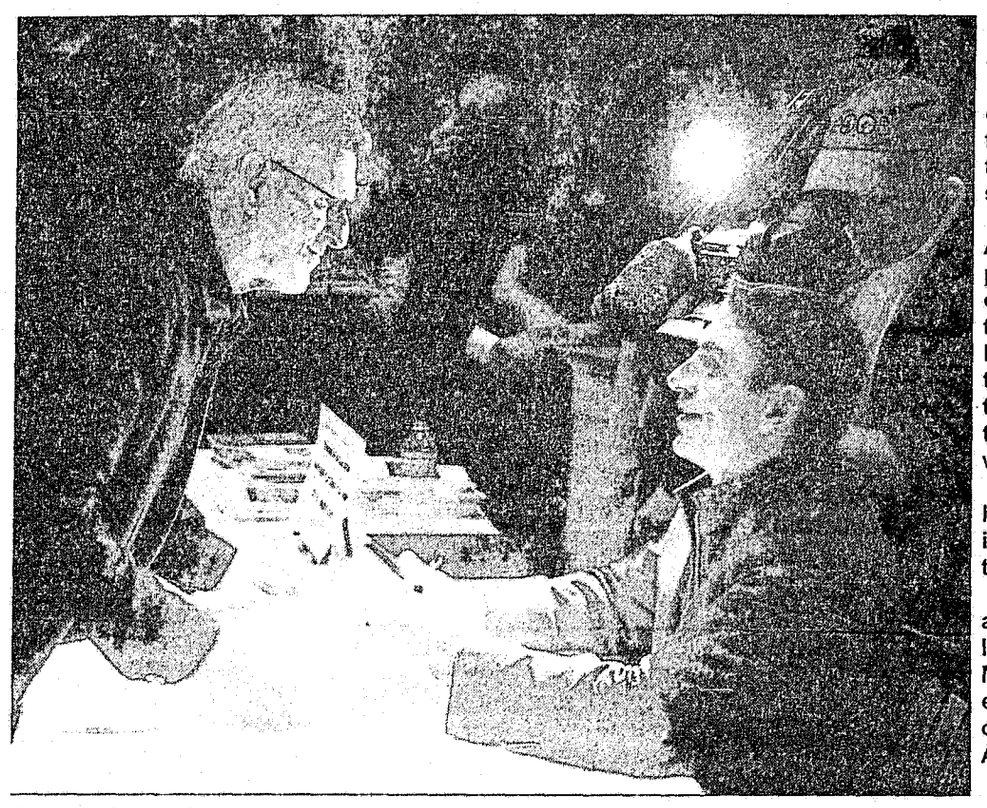

Inaugural Poet Richard Blanco appeared before a hometown crowd Friday evening at Bingham Auditorium and read several of his poems. Clockwise, from top left: Blanco smiles as the crowd sings "Happy Birthday" in honor of his birthday that day; the audience listens during a question-and-answer period; under the glare of TV lights, Blanco chats with Mark Bennett of Bethel after signing a poetry book for him.

Blanco read poems about members of his family and two poems that include references to the Bethel area. In addition Blanco, who is also a civil engineer, read excerpts from a poem entitled "Perfect City Code." In parts of it, he said, he was "playing with the language of a city code ... having a little fun with it." Among the lines: "Sidewalks shall be crack-proof, and 15 feet wide for continuous side-by-side conversations ..."

Blanco also read his Inaugural poem, "One Today," which emphasizes unity among Americans. In the question-and-answer period afterward, he said his inspiration for the poem came in part from living in Bethel. The town, he said, reminds him of the sense of community he felt growing up among Cuban exiles in Miami. "People came together to help each other out," he remembers. "This poem in a way was very inspired by what I witnessed here, amongst all of you." A member of the Planning Board, Blanco said the functioning of the board provides a "sense of how we all come together to solve things. Not that we don't argue. But we also recognize that we're in this together. If that's not the true sense of democracy, I'm not sure what is ... I'm not sure I would have written this poem had I not been living in Bethel."

In response to a question about moving here in 2009, Blanco said that while the town had impressed him as quaint New England, "What I was most enamored by was the incredible energy and the people in this place. Bethel is a state of mind more than a town."

He also described, to laughter, how he reacted on learning he had been chosen Inaugural Poet. He was driving back to Maine when his agent called him with the news. Incredulous, Blanco asked, "You mean the person that gets up there and reads, like Maya Angelou?" "That's what they said," replied the agent. Blanco told Friday's audience, "We called the number back and got the same person. Then we looked her up online and found she was on the Inaugural Committee. Then it began to sink in." After the reading, a reception for Blanco took place at the Bethel Inn Conference Center.

(Photos: A. Aloisio)

before they (the SAMs) could be destroyed by American fighter aircraft.

Because loss rates were high for aircraft attacking targets in the SAM defended areas, the Air Force allowed units to assign to aircrews with 90 or more missions over NVN so they were less likely to be shot down near the end of their combat tours. By about mid October, Sam and I had survived 90 missions and were on "easy street." The tradition was for an aircrew landing from its 100th mission to be met by a group of their squadron buddies and ground crews, who presented them with a bottle of champagne and a "hosing down" with fire hoses.

Our situation was that most of the easy B-52 support missions at that time were flown at night, because that was when the "Ho Chi Minh" trail through Laos was busy with southbound truck traffic. Sam and I decided to go ahead and fly our last mission at night even though we knew there would not be much of a welcoming committee when we landed. (Most other aircrews were sleeping because of early morning missions). We didn't want to fly "up north" if we didn't have to!

When our final mission came up about mid November, it was a night BUFF support, as expected. We planned our orbit area just to the east of the B-52 target area to position ourselves between the bomber targets and the most likely SAM site, if any, near the western border of NVN and Laos. We masking taped the radar warning receiver buttons to minimize the bright flashes they caused on the insides of our cockpit canopy when they lit up, warning of SAM radar signals. We reviewed all the radar call signs of the B-52 crews and our radar ground controllers in the area. Then we settled into our standard mission routine until we arrived in the target area a few minutes before the B-52 TOT (time over target). As the time drew close, we were a little edgier than usual, but it turned out uneventful. We watched the hundreds of flashes as the loads of 3 giant bombers peppered the mountain passes in the jungle below. Finally, we were free to go home, still in one piece!

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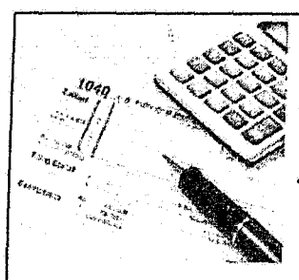

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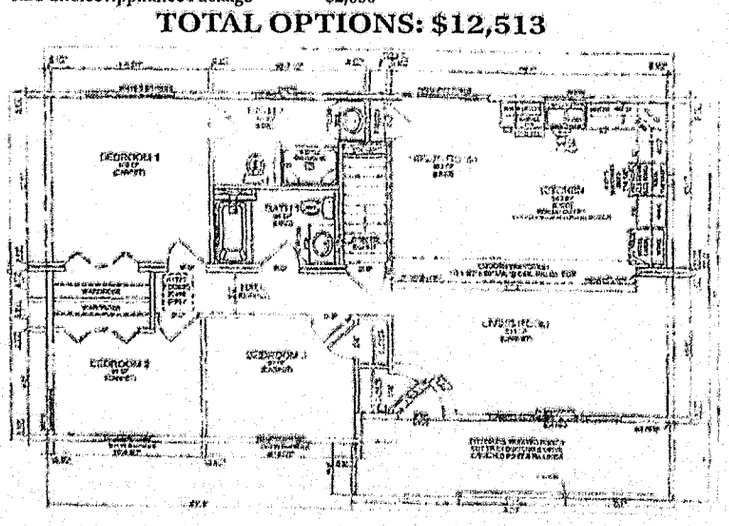

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truck pull up in front, with headlights illuminating the front of our aircraft. As we climbed down the crew ladder, someone handed me an open bottle of champagne. Sam, being a good Mormon and a teetotaler, received a can of 7-Up and a champagne glass!

The next evening, Sam and I walked into the stag bar at the officers club with our hats on and rang the bell over the bar. The drinks were on us until our bar tab was "maxed out." We completed our official 100th mission celebration by burning our initials and the date of our 100th in the ceiling of the stag bar, a Takhli tradition.

Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Feb. 13 at the Black Diamond Restaurant for their meeting and dinner with 47 members and guest present. President Caroline Gould conducted the meeting, led the salute to the flag, led in singing "God Bless America" and offered a prayer. The passing of member Alberta Angevine was noted.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Nancy Willard and the door prize by Denise Swan.

Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell.

The next meeting will be March 13 at the Rooster's Roadhouse in Mayville. The meeting starts at 11 a.m. Menu is a choice of Yankee pot roast or baked stuffed chicken breast. Reservations must be made before Feb. 28 by calling Caroline Gould at 824-3226 or Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice. Price of meal is $11.75.

It was voted to pay Nina Wheeler $20 for the cakes instead of $15 that the club had been paying. Lainey Cross donated two pairs of earrings and they were won by Alta Smith and Hugh Swan.

Members of the Bethel Rescue Service were there to take blood pressure for members.

The speaker was Rodney Jordan who spoke on the history of logging and also some history of West Bethel.

Happy Birthday was sung to those having birthdays: Barbara Mahler, Barbara Patterson, Phyllis Cross, Rhonda Mitchell and Carolyn Campbell

Free customer service training resources

There are a number of excellent FREE customer service training resources available to businesses and organizations in the tourism and hospitality industry in Oxford County. One is Welcome ME, a free, web-based customer service certification program. It offers a consistent, accessible, certified training program for enhancing customer service delivery for frontline staff, managers and owners of hospitality and tourism industry businesses. Available at www.WelcomeMEtraining.com, the program uses interactive components including a mix of videos filmed with Maine people in Maine locations, learning exercises, and short quizzes to reinforce key concepts. Successful users earn a certificate of completion endorsed by the University of Maine, Maine Woods Consortium and Maine Office of Tourism.

Other customer service training resources include DVD lending libraries at each of the chambers of commerce that serve Oxford County businesses and the Fryeburg Business Association. These lending libraries provide DVDs at no charge to any business in Oxford County. Businesses do not have to be a member of a chamber of commerce or other business organization to borrow a DVD.

Topics covered by the lending library include customer service and diversity/stereotype issues. There is even a DVD that is targeted to customer service in a restaurant. The customer service DVDs teach the importance of genuine caring, powerful apologies, why internal customer service is critical and projecting more enthusiasm as well as how to listen attentively, uncover customer needs, calm down angry customers, win back disgruntled customers, handle conflict, and keep an attitude of "customers first." The diversity/stereotype DVD explores the impact of bias and stereotypes.

For more information about the DVDs, contact the Bethel Area Chamber at 824-2282, the Fryeburg Business Association at 274-0744 (Dream It Create It Studios), the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber at

Rail transit meeting

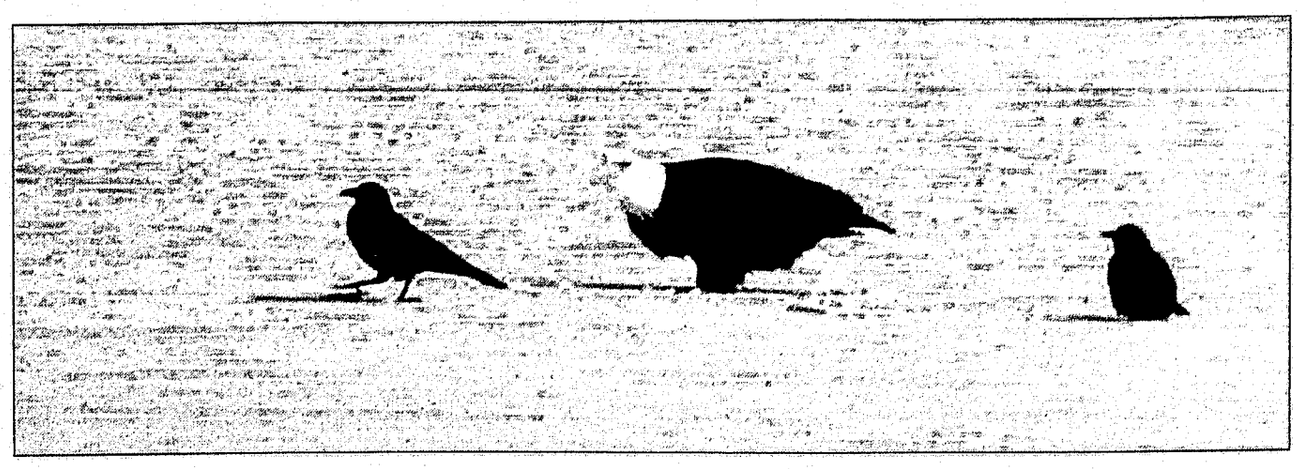
On Thursday, Feb. 28 at the University of New England Ludke Auditorium (716 Stevens Street, Portland) the Maine Rail Transit Coalition and the Maine Chapter of the Sierra Club will present the "Smart Growth Mobility Forum; A 21st Century Vision for Passenger Rail and Transit Investments." The forum will unveil a model for funding passenger rail transit, and restoration of passenger rail service between Portland and Auburn. The report, funded by the National Association of Realtors and the Sierra Club is designed to inform the public on the connection between local land-use planning and innovations in transportation financing and how a passenger rail service can enhance the economies of the region.

The featured speaker is Lee Sobel, Real Estate Development and Finance Analyst, US Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Sobel will present information on the EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities (also referred to as the smart growth program) and its recent publication; "Infrastructure Financing Options for Transit Oriented Development" which provides information about funding strategies that communities have used in other parts of the country to provide innovative financing tools to fund transit. As Real Estate Development and Finance Specialist for the Office of Sustainable Communities, Mr. Sobel's work focuses on consultation, community collaboration, and strategic implementation, on matters related to real estate development, finance, and policy, necessary to build sustainable development projects.

Tony Donovan, founding member of the MRTC, will present the findings and recommendations of the Smart Growth Mobility Project, a six-month study of the State of Maine-owned rail corridor between India Street in Portland and the Auburn/Lewiston Municipal Airport. The potential for future connections to the towns of Oxford County, Northern New England and Montreal will be discussed. Mr. Donovan said in a press release. "Our goal is to leverage these Federal resources for successful public/private partnership in Maine to advance 21st century economic development."

Other speakers will include Christopher A. Coes from Smart Growth America and Managing Director for LOCUS, a network of real estate developers and investors who advocate for sustainable, walkable development, and Walter O'Rourke, who will discuss modern railcar systems, specializing in advanced technologies in Diesel Multiple Unit DMU) railcars.

A panel discussion and networking will follow the presentation. For information contact the Maine Chapter of the Sierra Club at (207) 761-5616 or e-mail maine.chapter@sierraclub.org. Online registration is available at www.maine.sierraclub.org. Light food and beverages will be served.



BACK OFF-A couple of crows were no match recently for a bald eagle who was helping himself to leftover fish near a fishing hole on a Bethel area pond. One crow tried to approach to steal a morsel, but one glare from the eagle was enough to send him scurrying away. The crows gave up and left. When the eagle later flew to a nearby tree, he was quickly replaced by a second eagle who swooped in for a snack. When that bird left, the crows came back for what little was left. Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife biologists remind fishermen to take care that they do not also leave behind hooks and/or lead sinkers. *(Photo: A. Aloisio)*

Honor roll

Telstar Middle/High School

The following students have been named to the Honor Roll for the second quarter of the 2012-2013 school year.

Grade 6

High Honors: Lilo Bean, Lavinia Clarke, Victoria Hamel, Emily Hanscom, Emalee Harrington, Bethany Laird, Elizabeth McLeod, Brooke Richardson, Koley True, Kaitlee Turnick.

Honors: Payton Abbott, Alicia Barton, Ryan Beckerman, Nicole Berry, Richard Cary, Alivia Chappie, Julia Cherkis, Natausha Cogley, Robert Daniels, Hannah Evans, Josie Forbes, Bryce Koskela, Matthew Lavoie, Abigail Mink, Gabriel Pasternak, Morgan Prentice, Sadie Richardson, Mia Shifrin, Logan Whitney, Sarahanne Wright.

Grade 7

High Honors: Benjamin Alford, Marta Opie, Blake Rothwell.

Honors: Jarrett Bean, Gaelan Boyle-Wight, Erin Childs, Selena Cintron, Aliah Connolly, Russell Cushman, Sonja Farrington, Caroline Finley, Elizabeth Gibson, Elayna Harrison, Maddox Ormiston, Maria Rodriguez, Ana Rossow.

Grade 8

High Honors: Matthew Bennett, Marcus Wentworth.

Honors: Zoe Bean, Emily Brownstein, Joshua Eliot, Avry Griffin, Kristi Hanscom, Michael LaForte, Jessica Pike, Sierra Ryerson, Kellen True, Souix-Ann Tuttle.

Grade 9

Honors: Carla Boyle-Wight, Mackenzie Bragg-Albert, Shylyn Buckman, Monica Frazer, Rebecca Howard, Cameron Rothwell, Amber Souve, Savannah Vermette.

Grade 10

Honors: Matthew Barton, Liam Gallagher, Nisrina Hamdi, Crystelle Head, Andriadora Pilgrim Guay, Anna Tyrina, Gregory Wheeler, Travis Wheeler.

Grade 11

Honors: Alyssa Brands, Kathryn Coolidge, Samantha Mallory, Anna Saucier.

Grade 12

High Honors: Rachael Wheeler.

Honors: Kevin Annis, Felicia Curtis, Colton Davis, Colton Godwin, Cameron Gross, Hannah Huston, Richard James, Jiranan Jintasataporn, Yae Reem Lee.

Dean's list

Local students listed on the Dean's List at University of Maine at Farmington for the second semester of school year 2012-2013:

Brianna Douglass and Britany Douglass of Albany; Erika Fujimaki, Bryant Pond; Kailey Kennagh and Gabriel Perkins, Bethel; Nichole Duclos, Greenwood; Sylvia Brooks, Nathaniel McCann and Conrad Ward, Lovell; Sarah Lavorgna, Milton Township.

College grads

AT UNITY COLLEGE

Tom and Diane Gaudreau are proud to announce their daughter, Celesse, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife from Unity College in December 2012.

Celesse currently resides in Bryant Pond and is employed by the Department of IF&W as a game keeper at the Maine Wildlife Park.

Sports

High School Cross-country Skiing

The Class C Nordic State Championships were held at the Nordic Heritage Center in Presque Isle Feb. 18 and Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Results for Boys' Classical Race:

61st Nicholas Johnson 22:56, 63rd Greg Wheeler 23:02, 64 Aaron Speakman 23:05, 74 Liam Gallagher 25:09.

Results for Girls' Classical Race: 16th Carla Boyle-Wight 22:28, 29th Gabi Stone 24:02, 34th Rachael Wheeler 24:54, 55th Pin Jintasataporn 28:40, 56th Anneliese Smith 28:47.

Results for Boys' Freestyle Race: 52nd Greg Wheeler 18:49, 59th Aaron Speakman 19:55, 60th Nicholas Johnson 19:58, 63rd Liam Gallagher 20:12

Results for Girls' Freestyle Race: 22nd Carla Boyle-Wight 19:35, 32nd Gabi Stone 21:01, 40th Rachael Wheeler 22:49, 51st Pin Jintasataporn 24:55, 60th Anneliese Smith 27:14

The Telstar Girls' Nordic Team placed 7th overall.

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball

The regular season came to a close this past Sunday as LBI (11-1) secured first place. Hotel Rumford (10-2) finished second, and the Bethel Bobcats (9-3) finished third. Both LBI and Hotel Rumford will receive a first-round bye next week in the opening playoff games. Bethel will play the Thundercats (0-12) and Black Bear Industries (4-8) will play Archie's (2-10). LBI will then play the lower remaining seed the following week and Hotel Rumford will play the higher remaining seed.

In game one, Hotel Rumford spanked the Thundercats again, 116-56. Hotel Rumford got 38 points from Kevin Gallant (8 threes), 23 from Dan Thibeault, 22 from Scott New, and 18 from Craig Milledge. The Thundercats were led by Mike Leclerc (21 points, 5 threes), Tom Leclerc (12 points on 4 threes), and TJ Swan (10 points).

In game two, LBI doubled Black Bear Industries 100-50. Chris Baxter led LBI with 29 points. Eric Canwell and Joe Gaudreau had 18 apiece (Gaudreau with 6 threes), Jon Benjamin added 11, and Brian Canwell 10. Myles Whitlock was BBI's leader with 17 points. Craig Jacques had 12 points and Josh Albee 10.

In the final, Bethel outlasted Archie's 76-62. Matt Zetts was high man with 25 points for the victors. Wade Osgood (21 points), Ryan Savage (15 points), and Matt Newell (10 points) rounded out the scoring leaders. Archie's Brett Archibald got 16 points and Jarrod Chessie 11 to lead their team.

Church Services

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor & Nicholas Lutzo, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 7 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For info or if you have a prayer request: Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26). Fr. Robert Vaillancourt may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided.Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a,m; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 - 10 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

MAHOOSUC KIDS

Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

What great winter weather! The Mahoosuc Kids are having a blast outside after school. The snowshoes are out, the cross-country skis are out, and today the kids are making a snowman for the Bethel Chamber's Winterfest.

All of our fun photos are posted on our facebook page. After vacation we are excited about adding a HOOPS class with Amy Lilly to our programming at both CPS and TMS sites.

The kids are also excited about planning our 2nd annual Sweet Heart Dance on Friday, March 1st at CPS. This is a family night with dancing, games, prizes, and food. All district elementary families are invited. All proceeds from the dance will be used to fund summer field trips.

Our spring plays are underway under the direction of Amanda Jordan - "Fairy Tale Favorites" will be ready to stage at the end of March.

Have a wonderful restful vacation. Mud season will be here soon!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director

Nyla Scott, Savannah Knight, and Ryleigh Hastings with their rice snowmen.

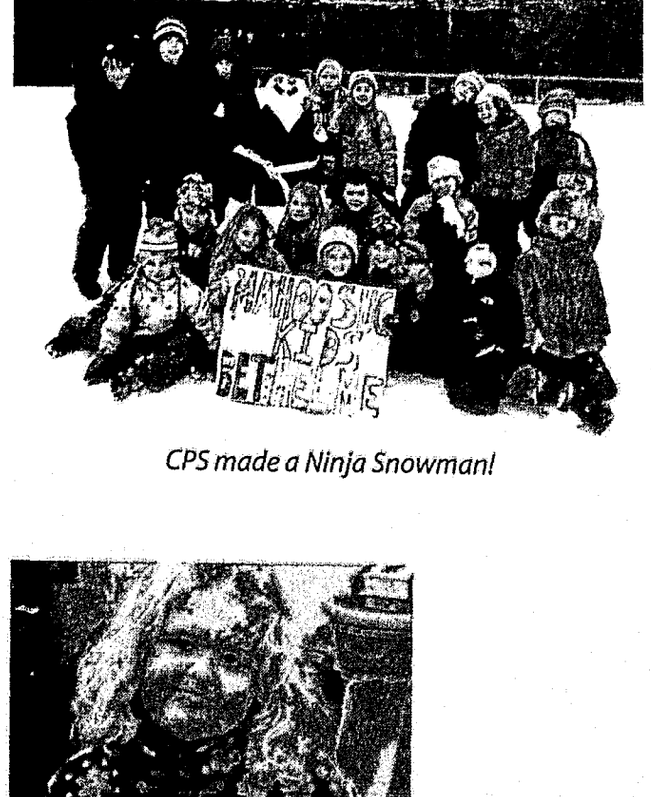
Isabella Conners doing GAK.

Payton and Colby Hastings show off their rice snowmen.

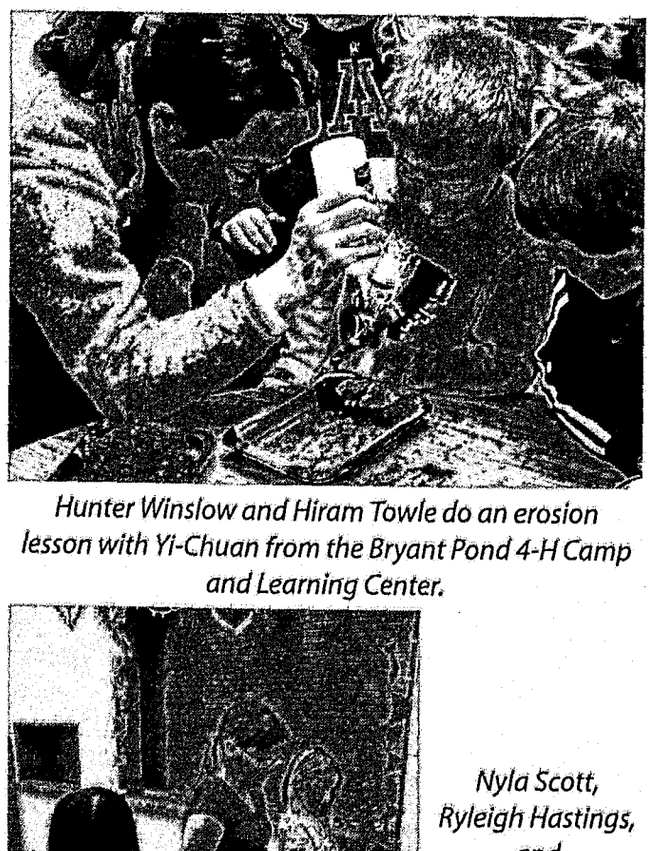
Celia Melanson making GAK.

Snowshoeing at CPS Konner Hurlbert, Katherine Haley, Makenzie Eliot, Addie Charette, Isabella DeVivo.

Lucas Barstow, Makenzie Eliot, and William Myers playing Legos.



CPS made a Ninja Snowman!



Hunter Winslow and Hiram Towle do an erosion lesson with Yi-Chuan from the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center.

Savannah Knight penguin slides down an icy hill.

Ella Hopps with her sand art.

Nyla Scott, Ryleigh Hastings, and Lily Schofield make a Valentine's Day treat.

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Community Calendar

Calling Artists and Fine Crafters to 24th Annual Bethel Art Fair. Single artist 10x10 booths $80. Food vendor 12x12 booths $100 (electricity included). Food vendors must supply proof of insurance, and are responsible for grounds clean-up immediately surrounding the booth. FMI: Aranka Matolcsy (890-6386) or (info@mahoosucarts.org). Applications/guidelines also available at www.mahoosucarts.org.

Thursday, Feb. 21

10 a.m. – **ACOA Meeting**, Waterford Library. FMI: 739-9115.

3 to 7 p.m. – **Chowder Fest**, Woodstock Elementary School, Rumford Avenue. Choice of chowders, American chop-suey, or chili with roll, coleslaw, dessert, and beverage, $8 per person. Sponsored by Franklin Grange 124 and Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Judith Grover Tent 17. The event will raise funds to enlarge the Honor Roll in Woodstock.

6 p.m. – **Community Supper at the Wilkins House**, Waterford, hosted by Meg Wheeler and Karen O'Brian. Bring a dish full of your best to share, and chat with your neighbors.

7 p.m. –**Fly Fishing Workshop**. The Mollyocket Chapter of Trout Unlimited is proud to announce that renowned Maine fly fisher, Rod McGarry, will be speaking in the basement hall of the First Congregational Church in South Paris. FMI: Lee (743-9808).

7 p.m. – **SWOAM Meeting**, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, Room E118. Topic of discussion: "Deer Ecology, Habitat Management, and Food Plots." FMI: Michele Windsor (743-5789 ext. 101).

6:30 p.m. – **Thursday Night Documentary and Dessert Film Series "What's on Your Plate?"** presented by the Local Food Connection at Café Dicocoa (next to the market). FMI: Amy Scott (357-3189) or aefscott@gmail.com.

Friday, Feb. 22

7 p.m. – **Missions Conference**, Bethel Alliance Church. Join us in welcoming Tim and Becki Steiner who have served in Mali and will be serving in France. FMI: 824-2289.

Friday Feb. 22 – Sunday, Feb. 24

Becoming an Outdoors Woman Winter Skills Weekend, Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center. Workshop provides opportunities for participants to complete three sessions, choosing topics including winter survival, snowshoeing, ice fishing, archery, cooking wild game, and more. Registration: $145 – includes meals, equipment, and instruction. Commuters only. FMI/registration contact Emily MacCabe at 462-1017 or emily.maccabe@maine.gov or visit http://www.mainebow.com.

Saturday, Feb. 23

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – **Free Snowshoe Demos** courtesy of True North Adventure. An easy snowshoe walk will depart Festival Plaza at 1 p.m.

10 to 3 p.m. – **Free Snow Groomer Rides**, leaving from Festival Plaza, provided by GreenStock SnowSports snowmobile club.

6 p.m. – **Bethel Winterfest RAILWARS Snowcano Rail Jam**, Festival Plaza, 37 Cross Street, Bethel. See some of the area's best freestyle skiers and snowboarders show off their best moves under the lights.

6 p.m. – **Ski Talk**, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Church supper followed by Scott Andrews' presentation of "Schuss-Boom and Schuss-Bust," a slideshow of the history of skiing in Maine. Cost: $8.

6 p.m. - **Mt. Abram Ski Resort annual live Ski Club Auction.** Donated items will be auctioned off to raise money for the Mt. Abram Ski Club.

Sunday, Feb. 24

10 a.m. – **Missions Conference**, Bethel Alliance Church. Join us in welcoming Tim and Becki Steiner who have served in Mali and will be serving in France. FMI: 824-2289.

Monday, Feb. 25

4 to 5 p.m. – **Telstar Middle School Winter Sports Awards**, Telstar Auditorium.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

7 p.m. – **Andover Withdrawal Committee informational meeting** at Town Hall.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. – **Seniors Plus, the Area Agency on Aging** will be at the Rumford Town office to answer questions/address concerns. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

2:30 p.m. –**Autism Forum Presented by Aimee Cecile-DesRoches**, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Gather at Hope Association in pursuit of knowledge about autism spectrum disorders, treatments, and support for Maine children and adults with autism. FMI call 364-4561 or visit Drcme.org.

3:30 p.m. – **Woodland Plants Illustrated Lecture**, presented by Mike Murphy at the McLaughlin Homestead on Main Street in South Paris. Murphy will make suggestions for shady places for uncommon perennials including trilliums, primroses, and lady slippers. Free and open to the public. Donations appreciated.

4:30 to 6 p.m. – **Community Supper**, Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Rd. All are welcome at no charge.

7 p.m. – **Public forum on "tar sands"** issue with Portland-Montreal Pipeline officials, at Telstar High School auditorium.

Friday, Mar. 1

6 p.m. – **Dinner and a Movie**, First Congregational Church, Andover. Dinner will be provided and those attending are asked to bring a dessert or snacks. Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the evening.

6 to 8:30 p.m. – **Telstar Middle School Activity Night**, Telstar Auditorium, gym, and cafeteria. Open to grades 6-8.

7 p.m. – **The Note-A-Belles at the West Paris Library.** Six talented ladies will be performing a variety of folk, patriotic, and show tunes. Meet the group following this free program, and enjoy chocolate refreshments with a hot or cold drink. FMI: 674-2004.

7:30 p.m. – **Roomful of Blues**, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Inspired by the spirit of the groundbreaking bands of the post-WWII decade, Roomful of Blues has breathed new life into vintage songs. $22.50/adults, $20/seniors 65+, $10/students. Ticket purchases: Online at www.fryburgacademy.org or by phone at 935-9232.

Saturday, Mar. 2

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – **Telstar Athletic Boosters Bottle Drive**, SAD 44 Bus Garage. Proceeds to support all TMS/THS athletic teams.

12 to 6 p.m. – **Second Chances Foundation Snowmobile Ride-In**, Newry Grange, sponsored by Greenstock Snowsports. Proceeds to benefit Aimee Driscoll's lung transplant. Chili, hamburgers, hotdogs, raffles, and more! FMI: Kathy Billings (369-9577), Edie Okenquist (875-2141), Carole Waite (364-3275).

Monday, Mar. 4

6 to 7:30 p.m. – **Telstar Middle School PTA Meeting**, Telstar Library.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – **Socrates Café Gathering**, Waterford Library. The topic for the March meeting will be "What is Healthy Eating?" moderated by Ursula Duve. The group offers a forum to discuss current topics and ideas in a warm, friendly atmosphere. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. FMI: 583-6957

Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 9 and 10

12-noon to 12-noon – **Downhill Derby at Mt. Abram.** The Downhill Derby is an epically fun 24-hour downhill ski challenge to benefit WinterKids programs. Fabulous skiing and boarding. Plenty of activities to keep you entertained around the clock!

Saturday, Mar. 9

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **American Legion Post 72 Yard Sale**, Church Street, Paris. Lunch counter open. 50/50 tickets.

7:30 p.m. – **The Early Evening Show**, Buckfield High School. Join host Michael Miclon, Moto Hoonchbach, Dickie Hyper-Hynie, The Duffas, The Early Evening Show Orchestra, surprise guests and old favorites. FMI/Tickets: boodogfilms.com.

Thursday, Mar. 14

6 p.m. – **The Spirituality of Gardening** presented by Reverend and Master Gardener Virginia Rickeman at the CEB in Andover.

Saturday, Mar. 16

10 a.m. – **Child-friendly Adventure on Maggie's Trails.** Gentle snowshoe hike. Snowshoes and poles needed. Snacks provided. Meet at the entrance to Maggie's Nature Park on Greenwood Road, Greenwood.

7 p.m. to 12 a.m. – **St. Patrick's Day Dance with the Rockin' Roadrunners**, Jackson Silver Post 68, Gore Road. Proceeds to benefit Greenwood Fire Auxiliary, Greenwood Fire, and Jackson Silver Post 68 Auxiliary. 21+ event. BYOB. Tickets: $8/single, $15/couple. Pre-purchase at Greenwood Town Office or by calling Missy (393-7719) and save $1 per ticket.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.
Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.- Community Supper at Bethel Allance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.—Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

First and Third Thursdays of month, 6 p.m.; Bethel Dog Park Committee meets at Mahoosuc Land Trust building. In case of inclement weather, call 836-2100.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; **fourth Thursday,** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Upton

Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m. -Ladies Aid Society Breakfasts at the Ladies Aid building, Mill Road, Upton. Breakfasts vary. Cost: Donation.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, $3/Children 12 and under, $2/Winter-Kids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.
Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6PM to 7:30PM at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - "IN" WORDS

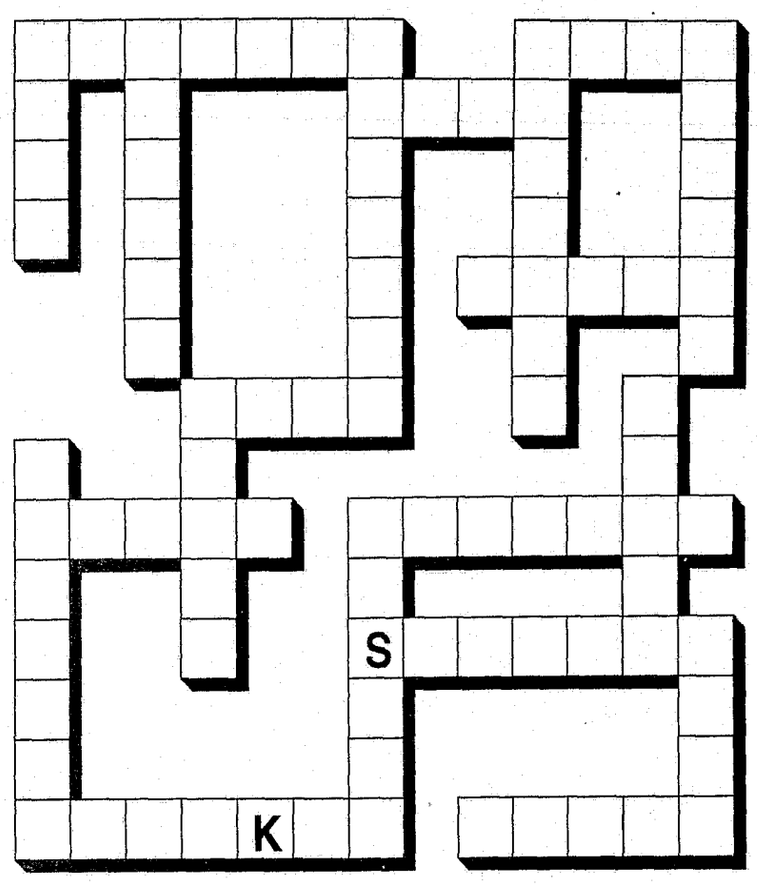
Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

4 Letters
INCH
MINE
RAIN
SINK
WINS

5 Letters
CHINA
GRAIN
SINCE
SPAIN
WRING

6 Letters
INSIDE
KINDER
NINETY

7 Letters
AGAINST
INHERIT
MINIMUM
MINUTES
SEMINAR
SHINING
TWINKLE



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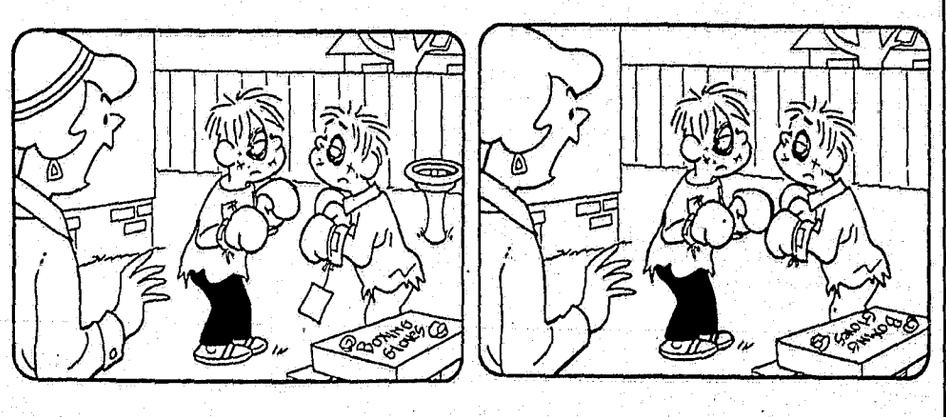
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Hat is missing. 2. Cuff is missing: 3. Arm is moved. 4. Tag is missing. 5. Birdbath is missing. 6. Box cover is reversed.

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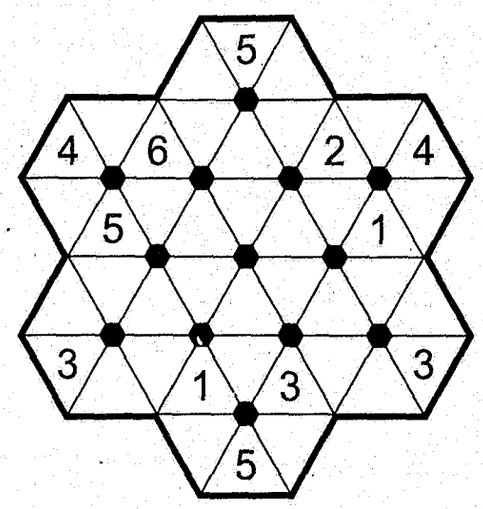
SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SCRAMBLERS

"Well, he does give me love and affection, but what I really need is a new _____."

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Chest
STACKE

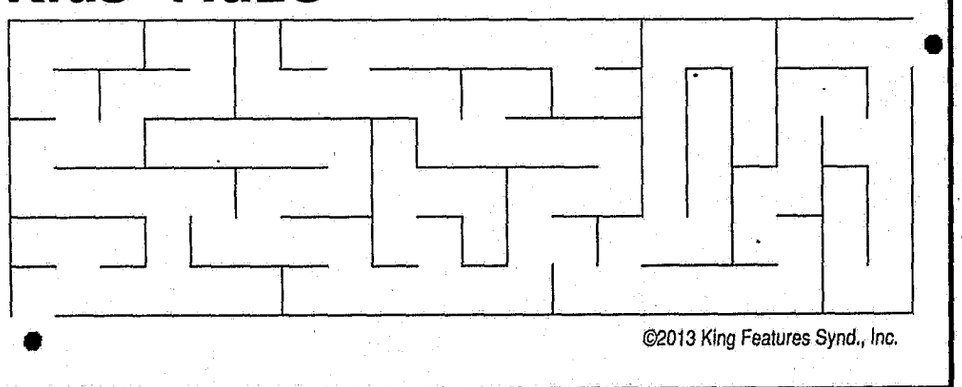
Mend
PRIARE

Agitate
HASKE

Cuddle
TENSLE

TODAY'S WORD

Kids' Maze



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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.

	2		1	1		
					3	
		2	4		2	
	2					
		3	2	1		
				1		2

DIFFICULTY: ★★★
Easy ★★Moderate ★★★YOWZA!

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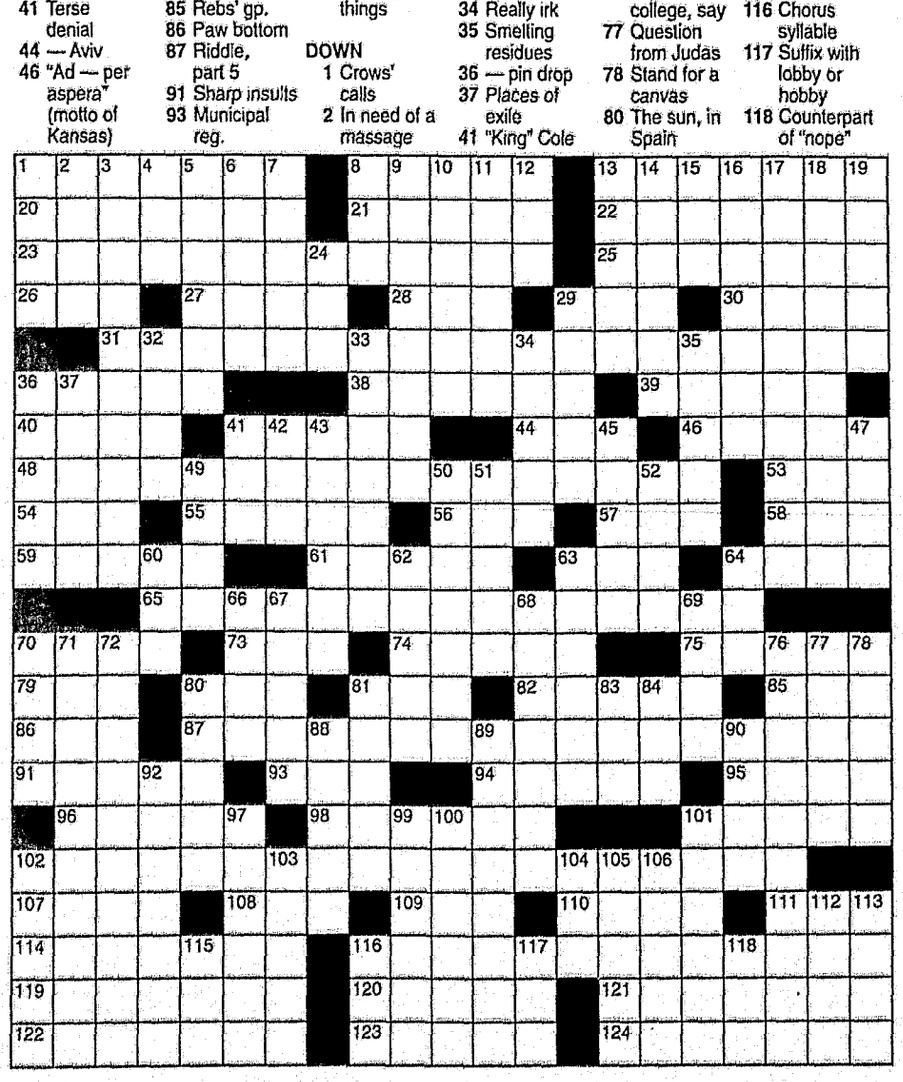
Super Crossword

CLACKING CAT

ACROSS
1 "My dear," in Milan
8 Early calculators
13 Miser visited by ghosts
20 Protective plastic film
21 — rex (cat breed)
22 Chewed the fat
23 Start of a riddle
25 Thaws again
26 Procedure: Abbr.
27 Muscle fitness
28 Sport — (4WD vehicle)
29 Galley tool
30 A number of
31 Riddle, part 2
36 Painter Rousseau
38 In another country
39 Vision problem
40 Klensch of fashion
41 Terse denial
44 — Aviv
46 "Ad — per aspera" (motto of Kansas)
48 Riddle, part 3
53 Fifth of XV
54 Novelist Santha Rama —
55 In — (before birth)
56 Table crumb
57 "Viva — Vegas"
58 On top of, to bards
59 — Martin (British auto)
61 Cast — for
63 Pops
64 Cuts short
65 Riddle, part 4
70 LeBlanc of "Friends"
73 Reminiscent of
74 First Hebrew month
75 Bovine milk pitcher
79 French buddy
80 Blowup, in photog.
81 — Lingus
82 Elk's calf
85 Rebs' gp.
86 Paw bottom
87 Riddle, part 5
91 Sharp insults
93 Municipal reg.
94 Verdugo or Kagan
95 Repetitious learning
96 Moroseness
98 Hopes that one will
101 Lube again
102 End of the riddle
107 Apple line
108 "A," in Arles
109 — offensive (1968 attack)
110 Gehrig and Gossett
111 Very little
114 Bacon slices
116 Riddle's answer
119 Saint- — (Loire's capital)
120 Six Flags attractions
121 Unable to tear oneself away from
122 Most tightly packed
123 At — of (priced at)
124 Energy-draining things

DOWN
1 Crows' calls
2 In need of a massage
3 Thinks through logically
4 "Boston Legal" fig.
5 Tiki bar drink
6 "The show's starting"
7 Cigna rival
8 Suffix with lime
9 Desensitized
10 2009 film set on Pandora
11 Show up at
12 Ending for Benedict
13 "Scat!"
14 Second-order angel
15 Cup top
16 Baby bodysuits
17 Like films not shot in a studio
18 Tie the knot
19 Ford dud
24 Clutch sitter
29 More strange
32 Berlin Mrs.
33 Hit for the Jackson 5
34 Really irk
35 Smelling residues
36 — pin drop
37 Places of exile
41 "King" Cole
42 Show a deficit
43 Albania's capital
45 Purple bloom
47 Melodies
49 Melody
50 Alternative to a 401(k)
51 Twistable little treats
52 "Nothin'"
60 Frequently, to a poet
62 Held the deed to
63 Strip bare
64 Slithering swimmer
66 Narrow road
67 "Feel free to send me"
68 Hanging Gardens city
69 Comply with
70 Atlas filler
71 Merge into a single body
72 Artificial inlet subject to ebbs and flows
76 Affecting the entire college, say
77 Question from Judas
78 Stand for a canvas
80 The sun, in Spain
81 "— shall come to pass ..."
83 Pistol or rifle
84 Meadowland
88 Clear, as a chalkboard
89 Dubs anew
90 Russian city or region
92 Sacs
97 Shows grief
99 Like fictitious tales
100 Big name in stretchy swimwear
101 Rebel as a group
102 Sacked
103 Not solidified
104 Mop & — (cleaning brand)
105 Karaoke selections
106 Fran and Ollie's friend
112 —'acte (play break)
113 Parts of psyches
115 Pittsburgh-Boston dir.
116 Chorus syllable
117 Suffix with lobby or hobby
118 Counterpart of "nope"



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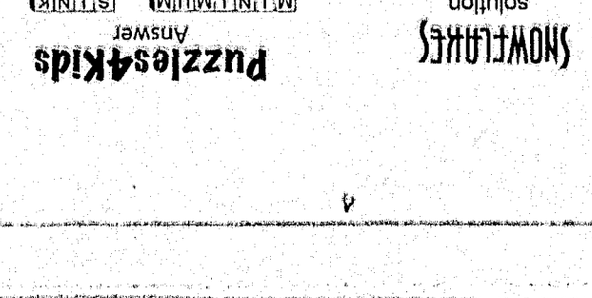
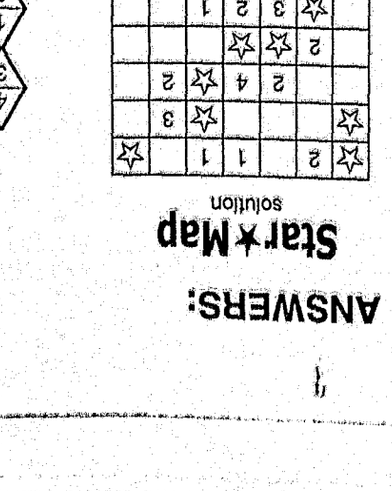


SCRAMBLERS solution
1. Casket; 2. Repair; 3. Shake; 4. Nestle
Today's Word: KITCHEN

Super Crossword Answers



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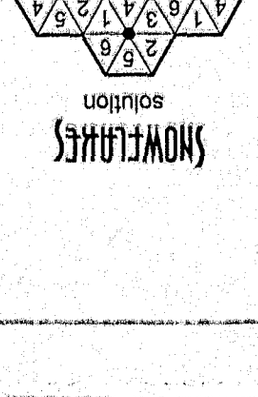

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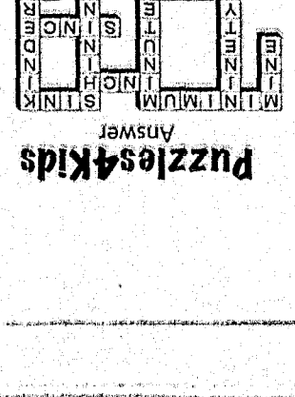

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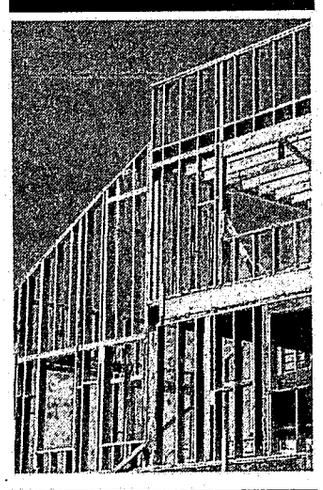

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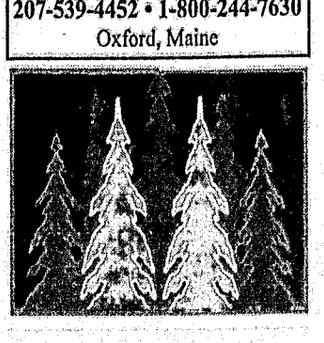

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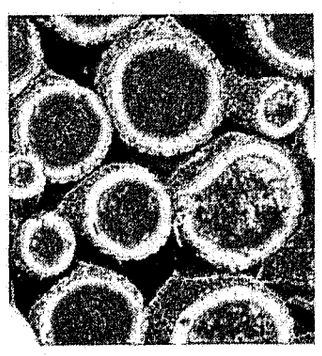

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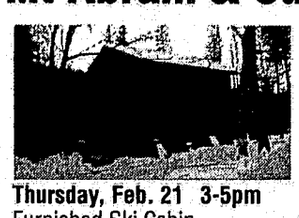

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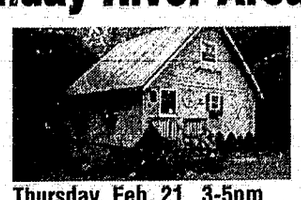

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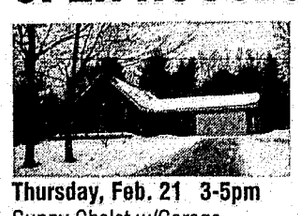

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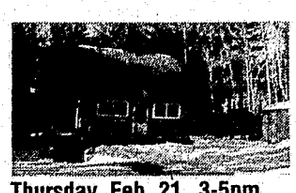

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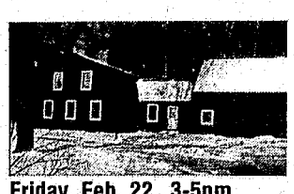

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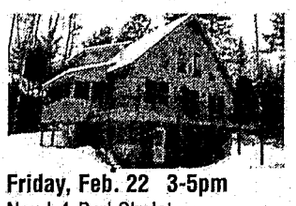

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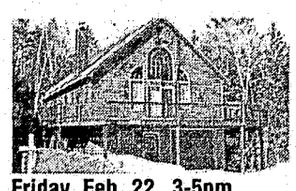

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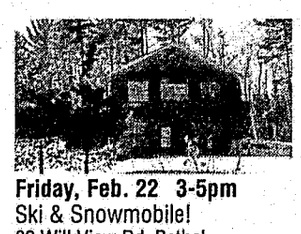

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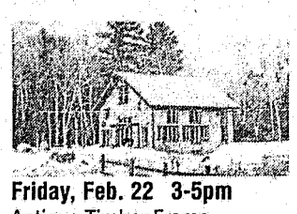

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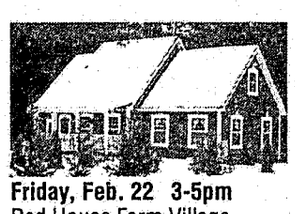

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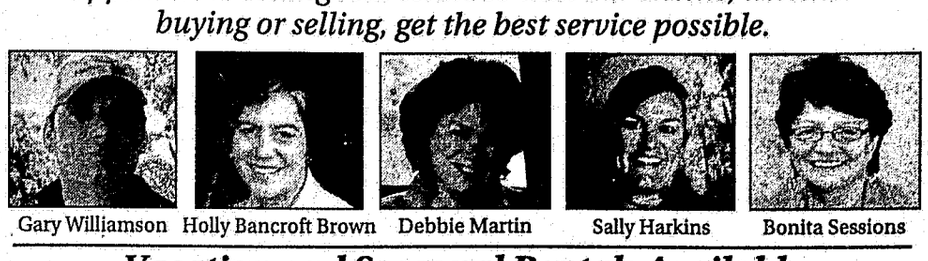

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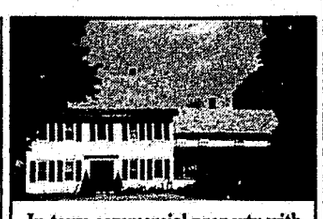

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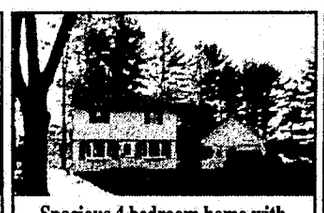

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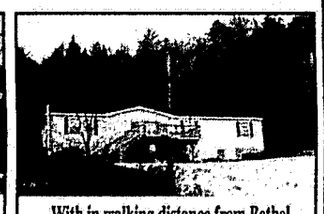

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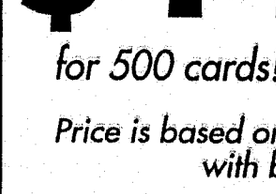

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Obituaries

ALBERTA H. ANGEVINE

Alberta Helen Abbott Angevine, 93, of Bethel, Maine, passed away peacefully on Friday, Feb. 8, 2013. She was born on March 6, 1919, the daughter of Albert and Rena (Hoyt) Abbott.

She was educated at Rumford Point and graduated in 1936 with honors from Stephens High School in Rumford. She also attended one year of junior college at Nasson and one year at Kent's Hill Academy, where she earned her college degree in business.

She married Ernest Angevine, March 6, 1941. In May of 1941 they moved to Bethel where they remained until their deaths.

Before her marriage she was a bookkeeper for Charles Bartlett Lumber and Gard Brown's garage. After her marriage she was in business with her husband. They managed several of their own wood jobs, and also ran a Sales and Service of McCulloch Chainsaws, Skidoos, and Toro products on Main Street in Bethel for over 30 years.

She had been a member of the Mundt Allen American Auxiliary 81 in Bethel for 56 years, of which she also was a past president. She was a member of the Bethel Senior Citizens, past treasurer of the Fish and Game Association, Life member of the Small Woodlots Association of Maine and the Bethel Historical Association. She and Ernest became Tree Farmers of the Year in 1992, again in 2003 and 2006. And this past year they became the 2012 State of Maine Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year. Alberta was a lover of nature and enjoyed camping, fishing and just being outside. She loved her birds, animals, and flowers. She and her husband enjoyed traveling all over the United States and Canada after their retirement in 1985.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Willard of Ruidoso, New Mexico; her son, Richard Angevine and his wife Sue of Upton, and her daughter, Judith Coolidge and her partner, Richard Cross of Bethel; grandchildren, Mary, Nathan, Ricky, Sheri, Kristy, Timmy, Sarah, Jessica, Victoria and their spouses as well as her many great-grandchildren. She was very proud of all the accomplishments of her three children, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. She loved them all greatly and especially loved the visits from the little ones. She also leaves her beloved cat, Annie. She is survived by Ernest's brothers, Avery Angevine of Bethel and John Angevine and wife Connie of Stewartstown, N.H.; a sister, Mary Agnes Deblois of Shelburne, N.H., and a brother-in-law, Carl Holt of Berlin, N.H.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ernest; her son-in-law, Bryan Willard; her parents; her brother, Cecil Abbott; her sister, Elizabeth Blake; and a baby daughter, Mary Frances.

Many thanks to her wonderful caregivers over the last few months. Her girls, as she referred to them, Kate Botka, Pat Powers, Darnita Taylor, and Heather Vail with her dog Sulley helped keep her busy since the passing of Ernest. They became much loved members of her family. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com

At Alberta's request there will be a memorial service for family and friends on Saturday, March 2, at 11 a.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road in Bethel.

Donations may be made in her memory to Responsible Pet Care, 132 Waterford Road, Norway, Maine 04268.

ALLEN R. BODWELL

Allen Robert Bodwell, 79, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2013 at his residence on Pine Street, Andover, Maine.

He was born June 9, 1933 in Rumford, Maine and was the son of Harold and Eva (Damon) Bodwell. He graduated from Andover High School Class of 1957 and had served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1958.

Allen worked at Andover Wood Products for many years retiring from the Sawing Department.

He was a member of Napoleon Ouellette Post 24, American Legion; member Maine Snowmobile Association; member Snow Valley Sno-goers Snowmobile Club; a member of the Roxbury ATV Club, and a member of Pineland Ski Club.

Survivors include his sister, Ruth Hilton and husband Russell "Dusty" of Andover; niece, Joscelyne Hilton and companion Craig Silva of Lebanon, Maine; nephew, Jason Hilton and companion Tracey Jean of Lebanon, Maine; great nieces, Emily Silva and Zoe Hilton of Lebanon, Mane; and a great nephew, Jacob Hilton of D'lberville, MS; and was predeceased by his parents and a brother, David Bodwell.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.meaderandson.com.

Graveside services with Military Honors will be conducted in the spring at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Heart Rehab, c/o Main registration, Rumford Hospital, 420 Franklin Street, Rumford, ME 04276 in his memory.

CHARLES A. KEOSKIE

Charles Auby Keoskie, formerly of Bethel, passed away Feb. 6, 2013 at the Maine Veterans' Home.

Charlie was born Nov. 5, 1922 in New York City. He grew up in Miami, Fl., and attended military school at a very young age. He loved to swim and became a champion diver.

He graduated from John B. Stetson University in Deland, Fla., Shortly after he graduated in 1942, he joined the Navy Air Corps and was stationed in Washington. It was during this time that he met "the love of his life," Mary Robertson of Bethel. They were married for 67 years.

He became a pilot and was waiting for his deployment to the South Pacific when the war ended.

Charlie and Mary moved to Bethel where they purchased their home and raised their family.

He was at that time employed at the Grafton Lumber Company as General Manager. A few years later he joined Newton and Tebbets Dowel Mill and soon became part owner. He worked there for many years. Charlie was also involved with his son, Bill, in the operation of Kingfield Wood Products in Kingfield. He was a very active member in the Freemasonry and also involved in the Kora Shrine. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, and was an avid and well- known golfer, playing in both Maine and Florida.

He was predeceased by his wife Mary on Feb. 5, 2011; his son, William R. Keoskie on Sept. 12, 2011; and his daughter, Carol White Morin on Nov. 3, 2011. He is survived by three grandsons, Martin White, Darren White and Robert Keoskie; two granddaughters, Dorraine White Diebold and Shelley Keoskie Peterson; six great- grandsons; seven great-granddaughters; and many nephews and nieces. Also, Jackie Keoskie Schuesler, guardian for Charlie; a brother-in-law, Fenton (Buster) Robertson; a sister-in-law, Helen Cummings; and many good friends in Maine and in Florida. Charlie will be greatly missed. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com

Charlie will be interred at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, N.Y., at the convenience of the family. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations in Charlie's name can be sent to: The Ryan Windham Benefit Fund, Northeast Bank, P.O. Box 850, Bethel, ME 04217. (Ryan is a young man, family member, recently diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis).

GLORIA A. SNYDER

Gloria Ann Snyder, 71, of West Bethel, died at her home on Feb. 17, 2013 with her loving family at her side.

She was born in Bethel on July 1, 1941 the daughter of William and Annie Chapman Sweatt. She was educated in Bethel schools. On Sept. 20, 1958 she married Ronald E. Snyder, the love of her life. She worked for SAD 44 for many years as a custodian. Gloria loved sewing, doing genealogy, and her grandchildren were very special in her life.

She is survived by five daughters: Robin Snyder of Virginia, Darlene and husband John Lailer of West Baldwin, Maine, Susan and husband Dougie Standeven of West Kingston, R.I., Sally and husband Jeff Wardwell of Belmont, N.H., and Louise and her husband William Rice of Bethel; Grandchildren: Ronald Denison of Vermont and William Denison of Harrison, Derek and his wife Amber Standeven of Westerly, R.I., Shaun Standeven of Charlestown, R.I., Andrew and Travis Wardwell of Belmont, N.H., Charlie, Jillian and Jared Rice of Bethel; two brothers: William Ernest Sweatt of Waterford and Frank Sweat of Rumford; sister, Olge Sweatt of Rumford; great-grandchildren: Hunter and Elijah Denison, Jayda and Lyla Standeven. She was predeceased by her husband on Dec. 17, 2007. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.chandlerfunerals.com

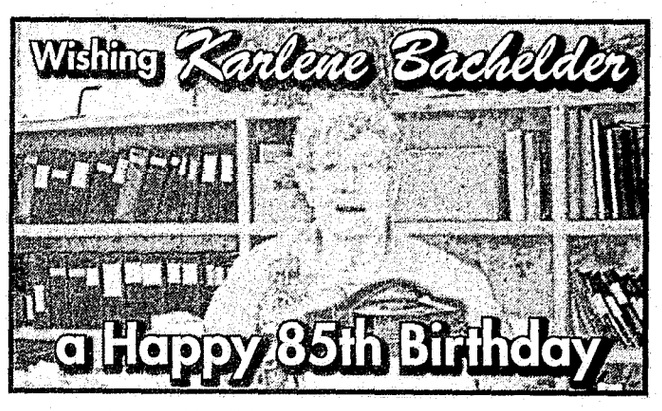
Family and friends may attend a Memorial Service Friday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. at the West Bethel Union Church. Interment will be in the spring at Riverside Cemetery, Bethel. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her honor to the West Bethel Union Church.

Births

Lauren Gammon of Andover, announced the birth of her son, Thomas Franklin Gammon, on Jan. 25, 2013 at Rumford Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 13.6.

Grandparents are Stacy (Bear) and Cindy Gammon of Andover.

Great-grandparents are Thomas (Red) and the late Nancy Conley of Rumford, Shirley York of Rumford and the late Franklin Gammon, Andover.



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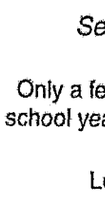

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